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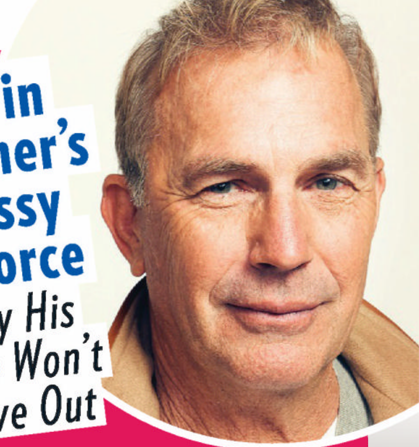

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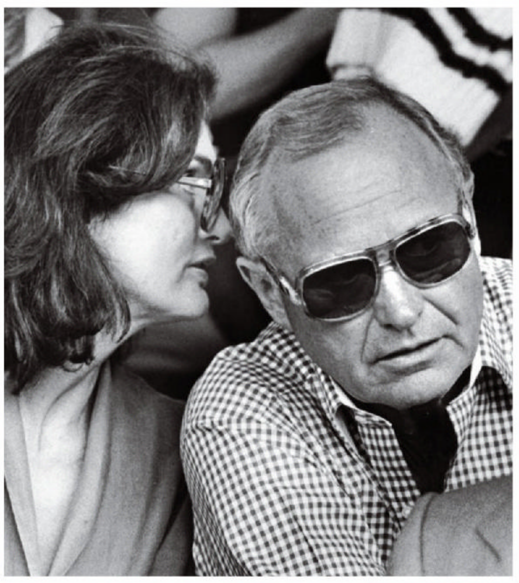

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—**ANGELA BASSETT**, on filming the sex scenes in *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* from a woman's perspective, during a Tribeca Festival panel

'I don't need a badge'

—**CYNDI LAUPER**, on being passed over for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame after getting nominated this year, to *People*

'I didn't know anything…. And my nephews were like, "It's a videogame, you idiot!"'

—**PEDRO PASCAL**, on being unfamiliar with the *Last of Us* videogame before reading his first script, during *Variety*'s *Actors on Actors* series

'I just feel like a vow renewal is a pre-divorce'

—**KELLY RIPA**, on why she and husband Mark Consuelos haven't renewed their vows after 27 years of marriage, on *Live With Kelly and Mark*

'He turned it down because he was going through a divorce, and he was very happy to be not married'

—**RITA WILSON**, on why husband Tom Hanks declined to play Harry in the 1989 rom-com *When Harry Met Sally…*, on the *Table for Two With Bruce Bozzi* podcast

'Not yet, but they will'

—**ROBERT DE NIRO**, on whether his six older children have met his baby daughter, Gia Virginia, to *People*

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The Beatles reunite through AI

The Fab Four are getting a little help from a friend. Paul McCartney says artificial intelligence was used to "extricate" the late John Lennon's vocals from an old demo recording to complete a new song.

Hocus Pocus
Disney

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A *Hocus Pocus* Lego set

Eerie-sistable for fans of the cult witchfest, the $229 Sanderson Sisters' Cottage includes 2,316 pieces of toil and trouble and six minifigures, including Mary (Kathy Najimy), Winifred (Bette Midler) and Sarah (Sarah Jessica Parker).

Park also holds world records for 4x4x4, 5x5x5, 6x6x6 and 7x7x7 cubes!

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A new Rubik's Cube record

Max Park (inset) solved the famous rotating 3x3x3 puzzle cube in 3.13 seconds, setting a world record at a Pride event in California. The 21-year-old smashed the previous benchmark of 3.47 seconds, achieved by China's Yusheng Du in 2018.

'I am the president [of the fan club], I hope,' Hemsworth told ET

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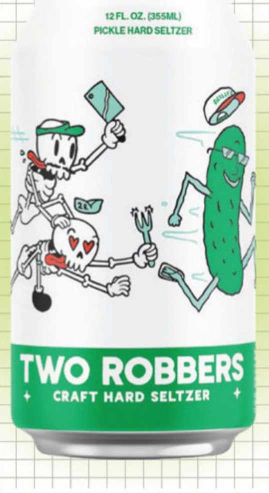
Ed Sheeran's No. 1 famous fan

"Hey, I'm just a really supportive mate!" Chris Hemsworth joked on Instagram of his love for Sheeran, whom the *Thor* actor has seen in concert three times this year already.



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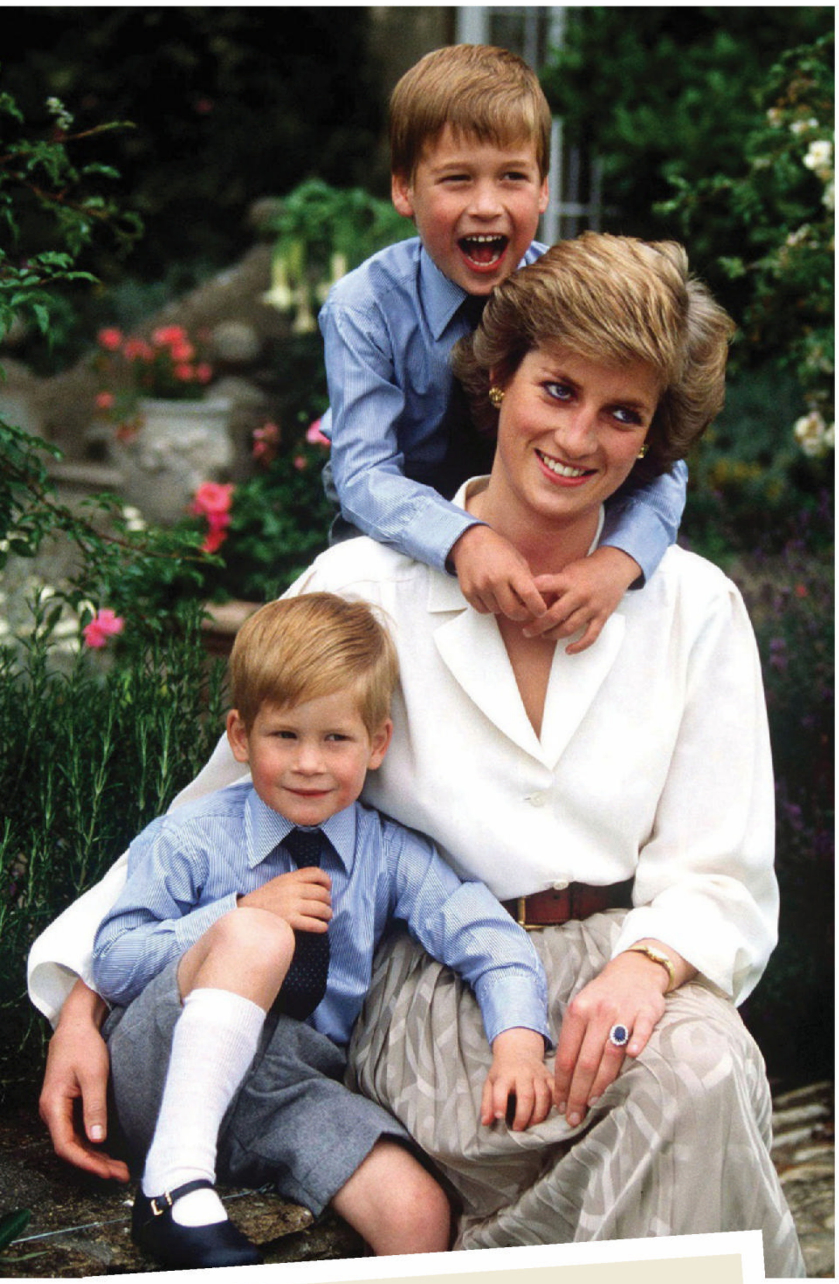

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON

Windsor, England, June 17

One day before Father's Day, **Prince William** and Princess Kate shared a sweet photo on Instagram of him with kids **Prince George,** 9, **Princess Charlotte,** 8, and **Prince Louis,** 5, who wore coordinating blue outfits. "Happy Father's Day," he captioned the pic, which strikingly recalled a shot he took with his mom, **Princess Diana,** and brother **Prince Harry** in 1988 (inset).

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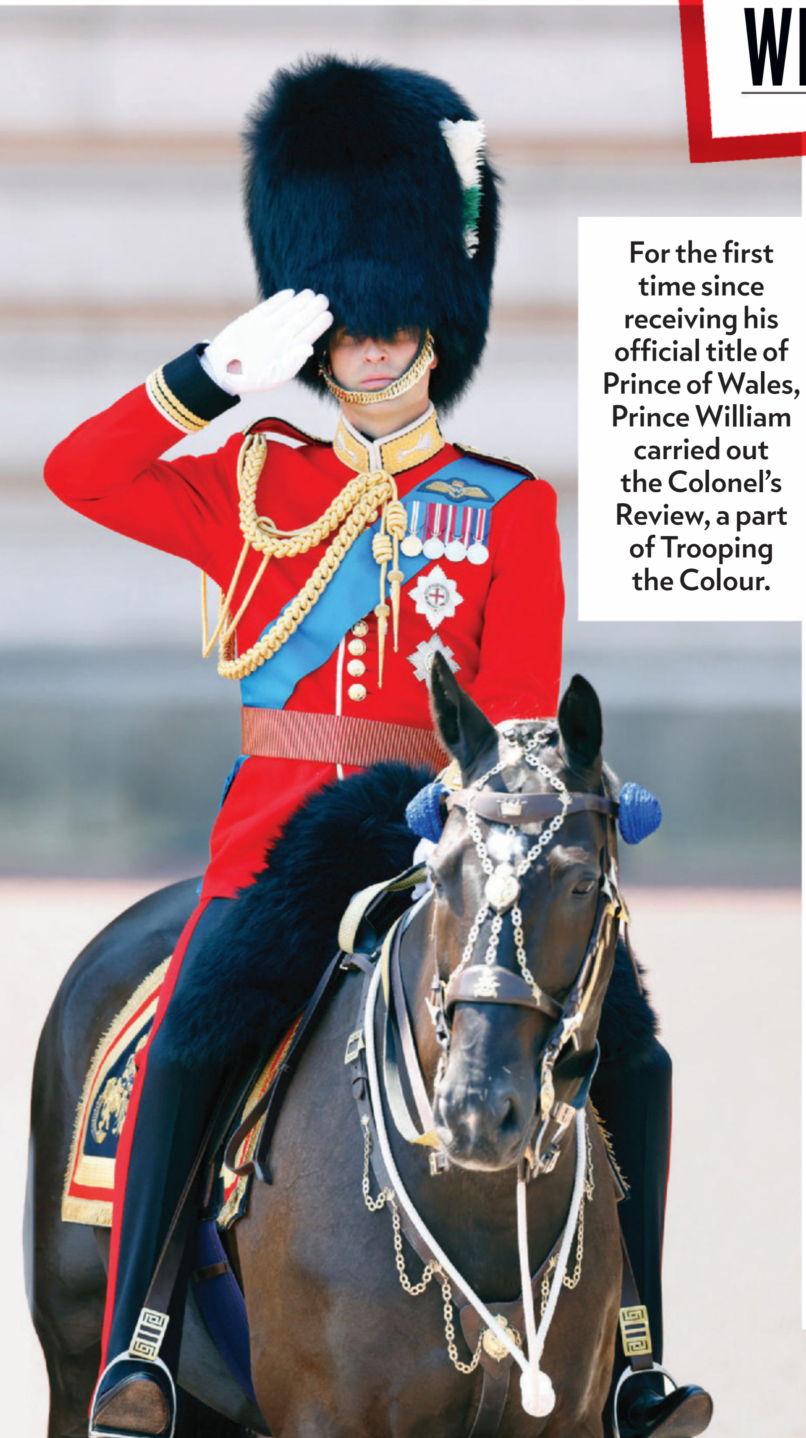
A BUSY ROYAL WEEKEND

King Charles had the support of **Queen Camilla** (right), **Prince William, Princess Kate** and his grandkids **Prince George, Princess Charlotte** and **Prince Louis** at his official birthday celebration, known as Trooping the Colour, on June 17. (Charles's actual 75th birthday is Nov. 14.) The youngest royal got animated, making silly gestures (inset) from the Buckingham Palace balcony in London.



For the first time since receiving his official title of Prince of Wales, Prince William carried out the Colonel's Review, a part of Trooping the Colour.

Princess Kate rode beside Prince William in a horse-drawn carriage after the Order of the Garter service at Windsor Castle on June 19.

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ACTION IN ITALY

Rome, June 19

Tom Cruise and his costar **Hayley Atwell** shared a moment together at the premiere of their film *Mission: Impossible—Dead Reckoning Part One*.

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GOOD GENES

New York City, June 13

Uma Thurman (far right) posed with her son **Levon Hawke,** 21, and daughters **Luna Thurman-Busson** (far left), 10, and **Maya Hawke,** 24. The family cheered on Maya at the premiere of her film *Asteroid City*.

STARS WHO ROCK

Landgraaf, Netherlands, June 17

Johnny Depp (left) and **Alice Cooper**—who perform as the supergroup Hollywood Vampires—covered hits by Aerosmith, David Bowie and the Doors at Pinkpop Festival.

A RAPPER'S DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Detroit, June 9

Eminem's daughter **Alaina Scott** married longtime boyfriend **Matt Moeller** in a "Great Gatsby glam" wedding ceremony where sister Hailie Jade (right of Scott) served as her maid of honor and the rapper walked her down the aisle. "He wasn't going to miss that," Scott, who wore a Katerina Bocci gown, says.

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WINDY CITY NUPTIALS

Chicago, June 18

Chicago Med star **Jessy Schram** said "I do" to **Sterling Taylor** inside a 60,000-ft. architectural salvage store in her hometown. "It was quirky and different and still romantic," she says. The couple's friend actor Oded Fehr officiated the ceremony, which 113 guests attended.

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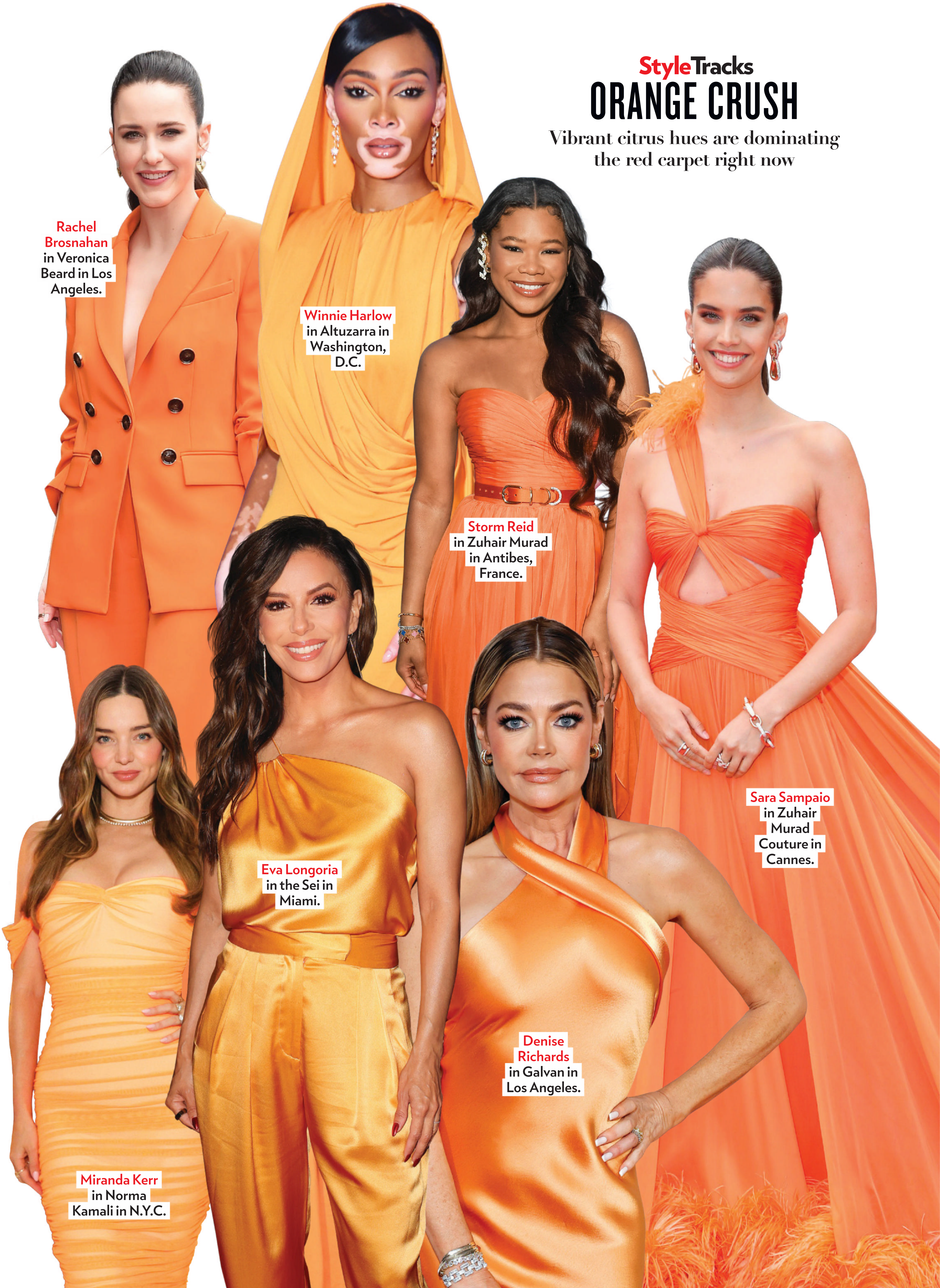
ORANGE CRUSH

Vibrant citrus hues are dominating the red carpet right now



Rachel Brosnahan in Veronica Beard in Los Angeles.

Winnie Harlow in Altuzarra in Washington, D.C.

Storm Reid in Zuhair Murad in Antibes, France.

Sara Sampaio in Zuhair Murad Couture in Cannes.

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Miranda Kerr in Norma Kamali in N.Y.C.

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A Shocking Turn
Just after Spelling shared photos of daughter Stella's birthday (inset), McDermott said he and the actress (in L.A. on June 10) had split.

Tori & Dean's Marriage Crisis: What's Really Happening

By **JP MANGALINDAN**

On June 16 Tori Spelling posted several smiling photos to Instagram of her kids and husband, Dean McDermott, at their daughter Stella's swanky poolside 15th-birthday celebration at the Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles, painting a picture of a happy family. Hours later tensions that had long been brewing between Spelling and McDermott suddenly came to the surface when the Canadian actor, 56, posted a surprising announcement saying that he and the *Beverly Hills, 90210* alum, 50, were separating after 17 years of marriage. "We will continue to work together as loving parents and guide and love our children through this difficult time," he wrote on Instagram—then deleted the post hours later.

The couple and their reps hadn't >>

LEFT: ANDREW J CUNNINGHAM/GETTY IMAGES

commented further on the status of their marriage at press time, and those in their circle felt the announcement came “out of the blue,” says a Spelling source. “Their friends have seen their ups and downs through the years, but they really did seem to be in a good place in recent months.”

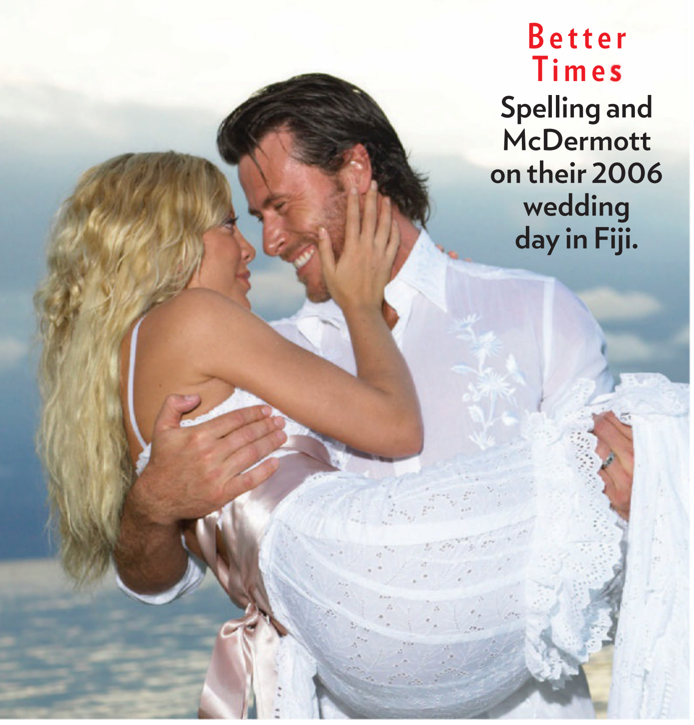
‘THEY DIDN’T ALWAYS SEE EYE TO EYE, BUT THE PAST SIX MONTHS THINGS HAD FELT GOOD BETWEEN THEM’

—A SOURCE, on Spelling and McDermott

Since their wedding day on May 7, 2006, Spelling and McDermott—who share daughters Stella and Hattie Margaret, 11, and sons Liam Aaron, 16, Finn Davey, 10, and Beau Dean, 6—have weathered their share of storms. In 2014 McDermott publicly admitted to cheating on Spelling. After that “the relationship as we knew it died,” Spelling told *People* in 2017. “We had to bury that and start new.”

Signs of trouble reappeared when Spelling posted a family holiday card to Instagram in 2021 with McDermott notably absent. While she said he was away shooting a film, a source previously told *People* the couple were “not in a good place” then.

Lately Spelling and McDermott seemed to have turned things around again. “They were definitely trying in the last few months, and things felt way less toxic,” says a family source, noting that they took steps to make holidays and milestones “special” for the kids, who also joined them at a gala in L.A. on June 10. “It’s been a night-and-day difference from the last couple of years,” the source says. “So this is shocking.”



Better Times
Spelling and McDermott on their 2006 wedding day in Fiji.

Their Latest Moves

Spelling has been hosting a weekly podcast, *90210MG,* with fellow *90210* alum Jennie Garth since 2020. On it the former costars rewatch every episode of the iconic show from the beginning, revealing behind-the-scenes secrets. McDermott, meanwhile, appeared in the Freevee show *Pretty Hard Cases* in 2021.

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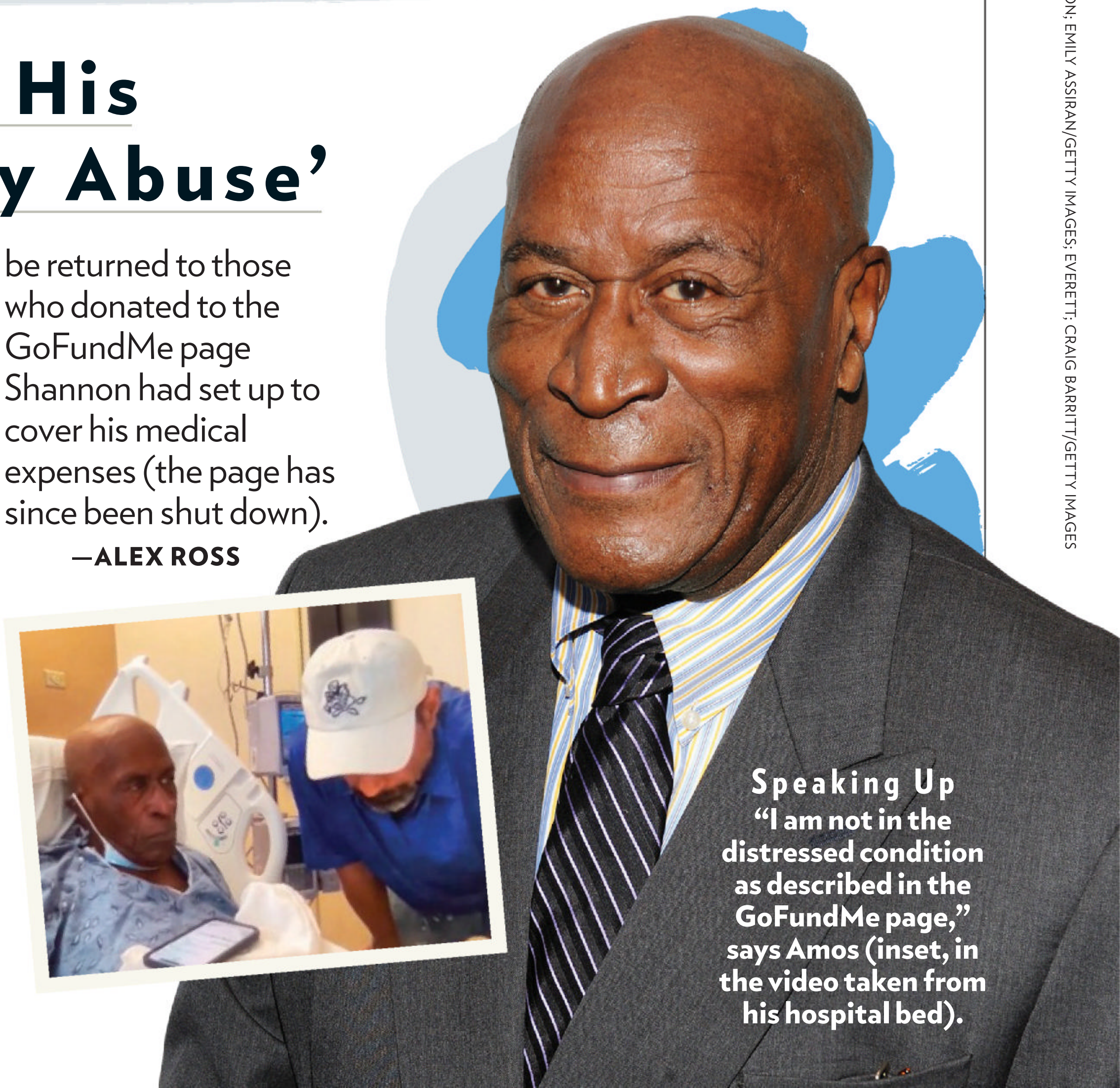
John Amos Accuses His Daughter of ‘Elderly Abuse’

Nearly a week after news broke that John Amos’s daughter Shannon had filed a complaint in Colorado alleging her father was “the victim of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation” by an unnamed caregiver, the *Good Times* star, 83, said in a video shared to his son K.C.’s social media pages on June 15 that it was actually Shannon who, he feels, has “taken advantage” of him. “She would be the primary suspect—if you would,” John said. “She’s the one that I would attribute my elderly abuse to.” A representative for Shannon has called the claims “false.”

Though he’s been hospitalized since May for “water retention and other issues,” Amos told *People* on June 16 he’s “doing well.” He also asked that funds be returned to those who donated to the GoFundMe page Shannon had set up to cover his medical expenses (the page has since been shut down).

—ALEX ROSS



Speaking Up
“I am not in the distressed condition as described in the GoFundMe page,” says Amos (inset, in the video taken from his hospital bed).

This Week in Love!

BIRTHDAY LOVE

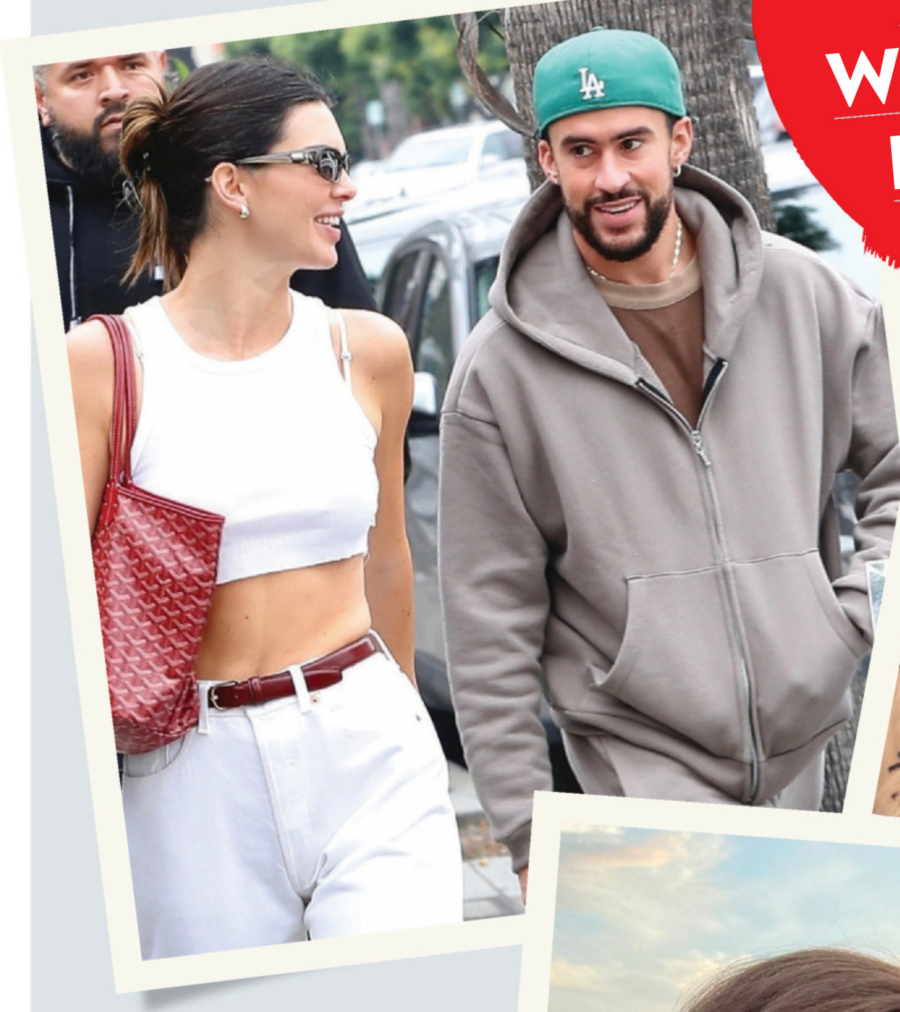
Gwen Stefani & Blake Shelton

The pop star, 53, marked her country hitmaker husband's 47th birthday on June 18 with an Instagram snap of her kissing his cheek. "Happy bday to my everything," Stefani wrote.

DATE NIGHT

Jessica Simpson & Eric Johnson

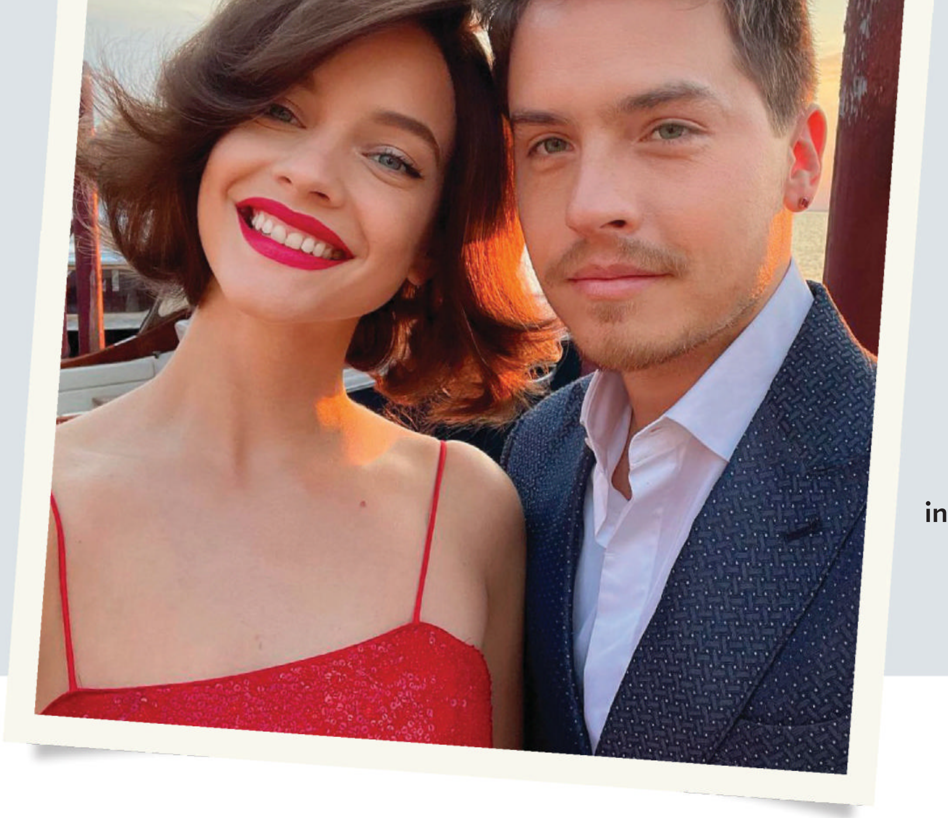
On June 17 the fashion mogul, 42, and the former NFL player, 43, stepped out for the opening of Bernie Taupin's art exhibit "Reflections" at Choice Contemporary in Los Angeles.



GOING STRONG

Kendall Jenner & Bad Bunny

The model, 27, and the Grammy winner, 29, were spotted shopping for vinyl records together in Los Angeles on June 15. Linked since February, the two have been "getting more serious," a source recently told *People*.



ENGAGED

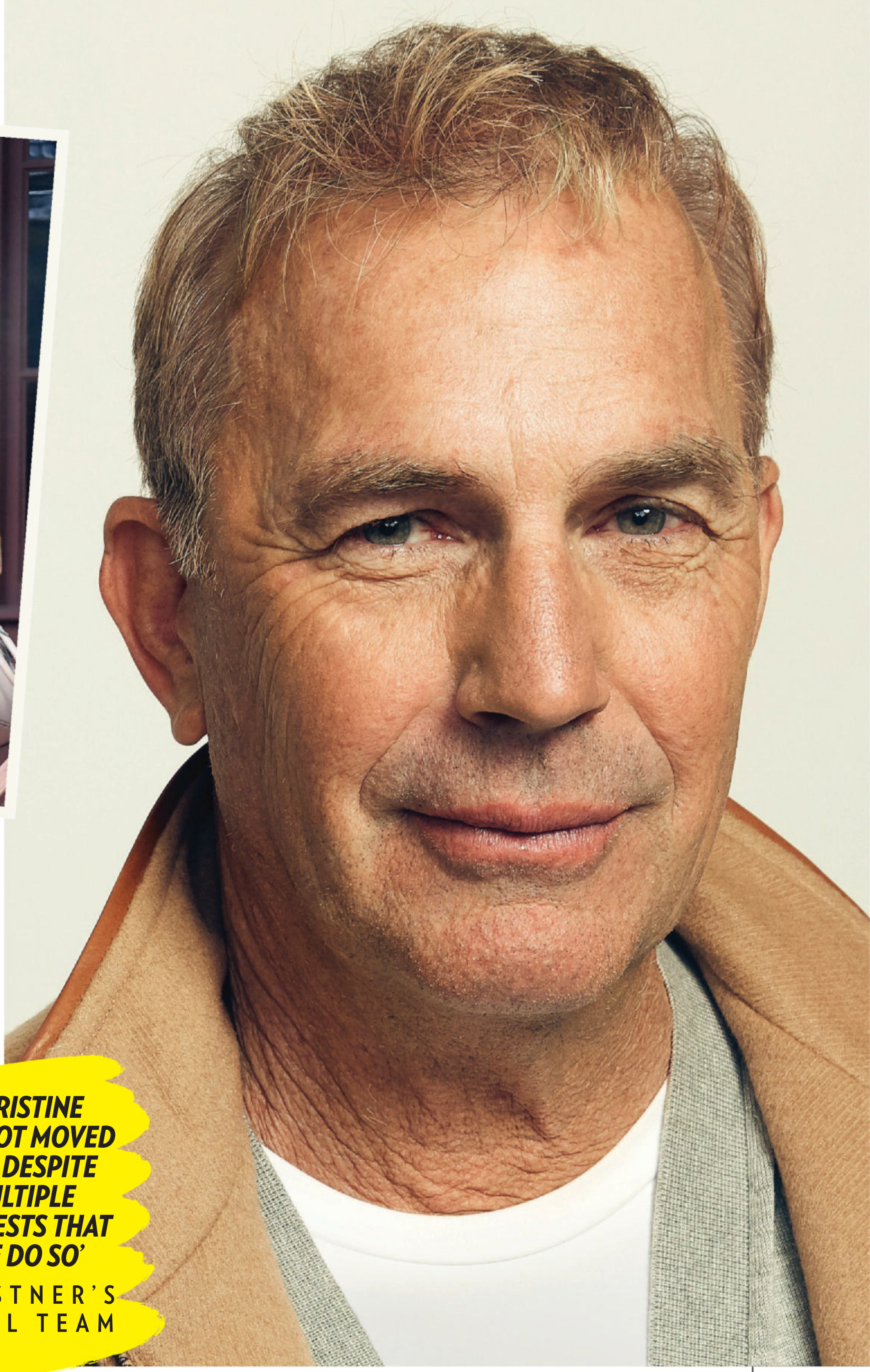
Barbara Palvin & Dylan Sprouse

Sprouses-to-be! After much speculation, the model, 29, and the Disney Channel alum, 30, confirmed their engagement in an interview with *V Magazine* on June 15, revealing it happened in September 2022.

(JENNER & BAD BUNNY) BACKGRID; (SIMPSON & JOHNSON) ELLA HOVSEPIAN/GETTY IMAGES

Kevin Costner Divorce Drama: His Wife Won’t Move Out

A Messy Split
Christine stepped out in Montecito, Calif., on June 16, amid Costner’s claims that she won’t vacate their home.



‘CHRISTINE HAS NOT MOVED OUT, DESPITE MULTIPLE REQUESTS THAT SHE DO SO’
—COSTNER’S LEGAL TEAM

Kevin Costner claims his estranged wife, Christine, who filed for divorce on May 1 after 18 years of marriage, is refusing to vacate their family home. In new court documents obtained by NBC News, the *Yellowstone* star, 68, alleges that the former model and handbag designer, 49, has remained in the sprawling Santa Barbara County compound they shared with sons Cayden, 16, and Hayes, 14, and daughter Grace, 13, despite a reported stipulation in the Costners’ prenuptial agreement that requires her to leave within 30 days of filing for divorce. (Costner purchased the estate and adjoining property—now worth an estimated $145 million—in 1988, 16 years before he married Christine.)

According to NBC News, Costner’s legal team claims in the documents, which were filed June 9 in Santa Barbara Superior Court, that Christine is staying put at the residence in order to force her ex to agree to “various financial demands.” Christine’s lawyer, John Rydell, fired back on June 14 in court documents obtained by Insider, claiming that the Oscar-winner “seeks to kick Christine and their three children out of the house that the children have lived in for their entire lives.” The attorney added that the legal basis for such a move is “all but nonexistent.”

Happier Days
“He has gone above and beyond what the prenup specified,” a source says of Costner (with Christine and their kids Grace, Hayes and Cayden in 2019).

Still, a source close to Costner insists he “has gone above and beyond in providing Christine the necessary means to find a suitable place for her to move.” The source says that Costner (who also has four adult children from his previous relationships, including his marriage to Cindy Silva from 1978 to 1994) gave Christine an extra $1 million on top of what he previously agreed to pay her, an amount that includes a $200,000 deposit for a new home, moving expenses, and $30,000 per month in child support, according to NBC.

The source adds that it’s unfair of Christine to bring up their three children in their disagreement over housing. “This has nothing to do with the kids,” the source contends. “The kids’ foundation is solid. This is all about Christine.”

—**ERIC ANDERSSON**

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THE BACHELORETTE

Charity Lawson Wants Her Happily Ever After

She looked for love on Zach Shallcross's season of The Bachelor, *and Charity Lawson will continue her search as the lead of* The Bachelorette *in season 20, which debuts on ABC June 26. The therapist, 27, previews how her journey unfolds.*

How did you choose the recipient of your first-impression rose? I wanted it to be received by someone who made me feel comfortable. I wanted immediate chemistry.

What was your approach to handling drama? We know from one of the teasers that you took back a rose. I really wanted to not get involved, but when I was being told about things, I was like, "Enough's enough. I get to say what is and what's not allowed."

Did you reserve the L-word for one person? I really did think about that a lot. As I got towards the end, it was a lot harder than I thought it would be. I went with what I felt because I would be doing myself and the other person a disservice if I wasn't being truthful.

Where did you stand on getting engaged in the end? I was 100 percent set on an engagement coming into it. This is such an expedited process, so sometimes it's like, "If this is someone that I genuinely love, it's okay if we leave here in a relationship." You see me go back and forth.

—DANA ROSE FALCONE

Ready for Romance

The Georgia native says she got "closure" with former Bachelor Shallcross, 26, that "fueled me to want to find love more."

20 Years of *The Bachelorette*! The Couples Who Made It

Trista & Ryan Sutter

The first Bachelorette, 50, married her final pick, 48, in 2003, and they have two kids.

Desiree Hartsock & Chris Siegfried

The couple, both 37, met on season 9, said "I do" in 2015 and share two sons.

JoJo Fletcher & Jordan Rodgers

The season 12 lead, 32, gave Rodgers, 34, her first-impression and final roses. They wed in May 2022.

Rachel Lindsay & Bryan Abasolo

Season 13's couple, 38 and 43, wed in 2019, but didn't live together until 2021.

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Kourtney & Travis Expecting After Fertility Struggles

Kourtney Kardashian and husband Travis Barker are ready to rock the cradle. During the Blink-182 drummer's concert in Los Angeles on June 16, the reality star, 44, announced her pregnancy to the world by holding up a sign in the crowd that read, "Travis I'm pregnant." (A similar sign appears in Blink-182's 1999 music video for their hit "All the Small Things.") Afterward, Kardashian posted photos on Instagram showing off her growing baby bump. "Overwhelmed with gratitude and joy for God's blessing and plan," she captioned the post. In an Instagram story, her sister Kim, 42, wrote, "We're having a Kravis baby!"

The pregnancy news comes after Kardashian shared in the season 3 premiere of *The Kardashians* in May that she and Barker, 47—who got married in 2022—had decided to stop IVF treatments despite still wanting a baby. "Kourtney has been praying for this," a source says of Kardashian, who has three kids with ex Scott Disick. (Barker shares two kids and a stepdaughter with ex Shanna Moakler.) "Everyone is so happy for her."

—KELLY MARTINEZ

> **'KOURTNEY CAN'T WAIT TO BE A MOM AGAIN. HER OLDER KIDS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE BABY TOO'**
> —A SOURCE

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All the Big Things
Kardashian revealed her pregnancy at Barker's Blink-182 concert in L.A. on June 16.

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KATY PERRY

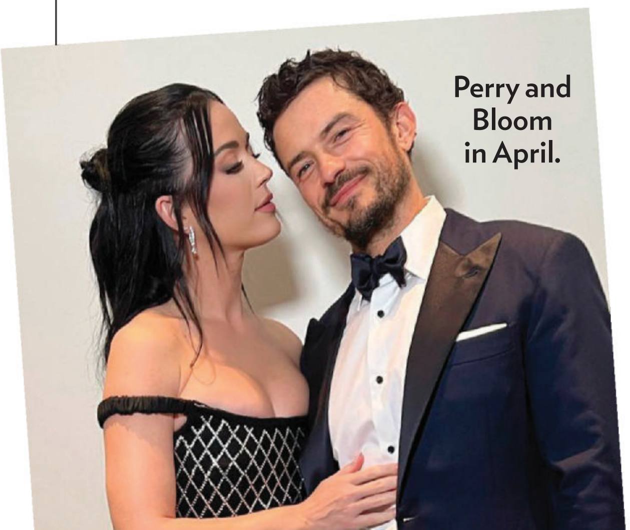
A Sobriety Pact With Orlando & Loving Mom Life

Fresh off a Las Vegas residency run and her sixth season as an American Idol *judge, the singer is also busy raising a toddler with fiancé Orlando Bloom. Here Perry—whose nonalcoholic apéritifs brand De Soi launched a Très Rosé flavor—opens up about her sober "reset" and finding inspiration in her family.*

You said a few months ago you had a sober pact with Orlando. Is that still going strong? We did it because he's shooting a movie in London that's taking every ounce of his focus, so I wanted to be supportive. I love my reset moments, especially being 38, balancing the intensity of my career and having a toddler who loves to run.

Your daughter Daisy Dove recently turned 3. What do you love about this phase? It's magical! I'd get home from Vegas at midnight and make her little lunches still in full glam. Taking her to school makes me so happy.

Does she inspire your music? Whatever I'm writing, I play to her and see how she responds. Daisy always gets the first look. She's the muse. —**DANIELA AVILA AND JACK IRVIN**



Perry and Bloom in April.

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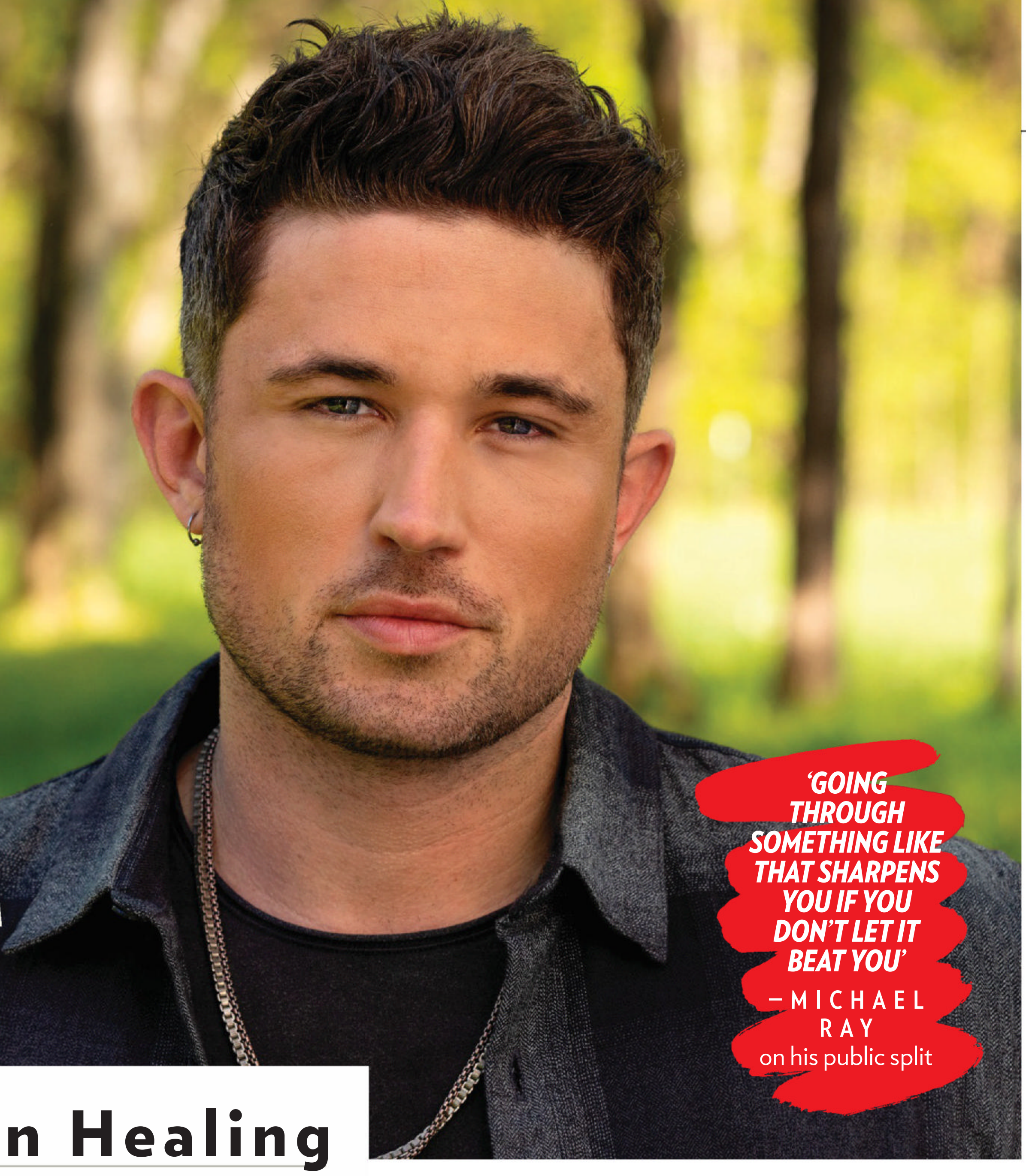

'GOING THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THAT SHARPENS YOU IF YOU DON'T LET IT BEAT YOU'

—MICHAEL RAY on his public split

Michael Ray on Healing After a Difficult Divorce

Nashville may be the home of country, but it wasn't until he left that Michael Ray found some much-needed inspiration. After a difficult few years that included the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and a headline-making divorce from fellow country star Carly Pearce, the singer, 35, packed his bags in 2022 and moved to Dallas, Ga., a small town that gave him a new perspective—and fuel for his new EP *Dive Bars & Broken Hearts* (out June 23). "It's allowed me to get back to my roots," he says. "All of a sudden, you're in a creative place because your mind isn't so cluttered."

Finding clarity was a long time coming for Ray. He and Pearce, 33, had been married just eight months when they divorced in June 2020. "I never understood depression or had depression," he says. "All of a sudden, I was getting very angry. I didn't trust anybody." He began therapy for the first time. "Two people were involved in something, and two people dropped the ball individually," he says. "However I dropped the ball, I don't want to continue that. I did a lot of introspective work."

With his dark days behind him, Ray is focused on his future. He's in a fledgling relationship with a woman he met through mutual friends. "I've realized the things you keep private mean the most," he says of the low-key romance. And his latest music reflects his growth. "Everything I went through the last three years got me mentally ready for where I'm at now," he says. "I am not at all the same person that I was then. It gave me confidence."

—RACHEL DeSANTIS

Down Home

"My whole life has been country music," says Ray (performing as a child with his dad).

Seeing Double?

"People are assuming stuff," he says, denying a Pearce lookalike was cast for his "Get Her Back" music video.

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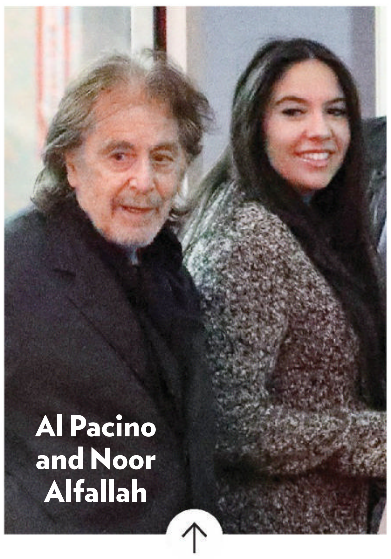


Al Pacino and Noor Alfallah

Babies

Legendary actor **Al Pacino,** 83, and his girlfriend, film and TV producer **Noor Alfallah,** 29, welcomed their first child, son **Roman Pacino,** *People* confirmed on June 15. The actor is also father to 22-year-old twins **Anton** and **Olivia,** and daughter **Julie Marie,** 33, from previous relationships. ● *DWTS* pros **Maks Chmerkovskiy,** 43, and **Peta Murgatroyd,** 36, welcomed a son on June 18. "Happy Father's Day to me!" Chmerkovskiy wrote on Instagram. The couple also share 6-year-old son **Shai.**

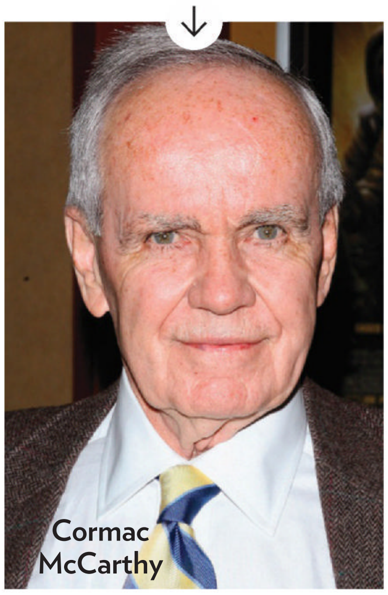
Daniel Fryer and Taylor Hill

Weddings

Victoria's Secret model **Taylor Hill,** 27, married private-equity investor **Daniel Fryer** at the Devil's Thumb Ranch in Tabernash, Colo., on June 10.

Deaths

Cormac McCarthy, the Pulitzer-winning author of *The Road* and *No Country for Old Men*, died of natural causes at his home in Santa Fe on June 13. He was 89. ● Houston rapper **Big Pokey** (born Milton Powell), a founding member of the Screwed Up Click hip-hop collective, died after collapsing during a performance in Beaumont, Texas, on June 18. He was 48. ● **Ray Lewis III,** the son of NFL Hall of Fame linebacker **Ray Lewis,** died on June 14 in a Central Florida home, according to a police report. He was unconscious when police arrived and was given the opioid overdose treatment Narcan, though an autopsy confirming a cause of death had not been completed as of press time. He was 28.



Cormac McCarthy

Crime

At least one person was killed and 22 others wounded in a shooting at a Juneteenth celebration in a strip mall parking lot in the Chicago suburb of Willowbrook, Ill., on June 18. The motive behind the shooting remains unknown at press time, and the search for suspects is ongoing.

BY DANIELA AVILA

Happy Birthday!

H.E.R., 26
June 27, 1997
Lindsay Lohan, 37
July 2, 1986
Tom Cruise, 61
July 3, 1962

1936-2023

Farewell to Glenda Jackson

The two-time Oscar winner turned U.K. politician was a no-nonsense powerhouse

One of Britain's most acclaimed actresses, Glenda Jackson didn't care much about fame or recognition. According to *The Guardian,* when Jackson finished shooting the last scene of her final film—the upcoming *The Great Escaper* with Michael Caine—the crew applauded. Her response: "Oh, don't be so f---ing patronizing."

Jackson, who died at age 87 on June 15 in London, won Oscars for 1969's *Women in Love,* based on the D.H. Lawrence novel, and 1973's *A Touch of Class*, a frothy rom-com, and also earned two Emmys as Elizabeth I in the 1972 miniseries *Elizabeth R.* She had no trouble seducing the camera, but when someone suggested she was a sex symbol, she retorted: "How bloody weird!" Then she chucked it all to serve as a member of Parliament for 23 years, returning to acting only in her 80s. She won a Tony in 2018 for *Three Tall Women*—another trophy to ignore. "It doesn't take long for the very thin layer of gold to disappear," said Jackson, who's survived by her son, political journalist Dan Hodges, "and the base metal underneath to show through."

—TOM GLIATTO

Jackson in *Women in Love.*

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WHY I CARE

Helena Christensen Points a Lens at a Crisis in Colombia

The supermodel recently visited the country with the United Nations Refugee Agency

'I HAVE AN EMOTIONAL REACTION. SO EXPERIENCING IT THROUGH THE CAMERA BRINGS ME CLOSER—AND ALSO LETS ME KEEP A DISTANCE'

—HELENA CHRISTENSEN, on photographing displaced people in Colombia

Helena Christensen has spent decades in front of the camera. But the time she's spent behind it—photographing displaced people and sharing their stories as a partner to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees—has also made a lasting impact. "It's the biggest honor and privilege," says the 54-year-old Copenhagen native. "The way it influences and inspires me on a personal level is the greatest gift." Recently Christensen traveled to Colombia, where more than 2.5 million Venezuelan migrants have sought sanctuary. Here she recounts her trip, timed to World Refugee Day on June 20.

How have your experiences with the UNHCR impacted you?
I started volunteering in 2015 and became an ambassador in 2019. Almost every year I've gone to camps, where I've taken photographs and talked to refugees and displaced people and shared their stories. It puts everything in perspective. We live in our little safe worlds, but these people only have their realities—and it's way more hardcore than we can even begin to understand. I am learning in my own way. Every time I go, I try to absorb as much as I can.

How was your trip to Colombia?
I met with a trans woman and learned more about her hardships and those of her community. I also met the Indigenous tribes [in Villanueva] and photographed some of the women. And I reconnected with a woman whom I first met eight years ago, who is still dealing with displacement.

What was that reunion like?
She's still in the same place. I knocked on her door, and we fell into each other's arms. Her kids are eight years older, and they're still so caring and loving. She's still so beautiful. Their situation is complex, but I can see the ways the UNHCR makes a difference in the lives of people like them.

What can people do to get a better understanding of the refugee crisis? How can we help?
Read stories. Volunteer locally. Make a small or big donation or travel and work in a refugee camp for a few months. There are so many refugees traveling all over the world—escaping one place, fleeing to another. We need to open our minds and arms to these people by integrating them into our communities. It is the power of all of us that will make a difference.

—JASON SHEELER WITH LIZZIE HYMAN

For more info, **visit unrefugees.org**

Focusing on the Hope

Resilience and Resourcefulness
Christensen photographed displaced people in the Quibdó region (above) and the beadwork they craft and sell to make ends meet (right).

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Elephants Say 'Om' at Houston Zoo

Every day trainers at the Houston Zoo do daily well-being checks on their 12 elephants. The exercises are optional, but the ones the pachyderms seem to love most? Yoga. "They love to participate," says Kristin Windle, 33, a staff elephant supervisor who takes them through a series of poses. The routine keeps the elephants, ages 2 to 57, strong and nimble, says Windle. "It's the same with people—the more you move, the healthier you tend to be." The poses also foster interaction with the caretakers, she says. "It's good for relationship building."

—WENDY GROSSMAN KANTOR

Fun Fact!
Windle uses a combination of verbal and physical cues to teach the animals poses.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: JACKELIN REYNA/HOUSTON ZOO(3); CHINE NOUVELLE/SIPA/SHUTTERSTOCK; NICU OF RIVERSIDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Who's Counting?

12

expectant coworkers!

A dozen members of the NICU team at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Va., were pregnant at the same time this year, with 10 still eagerly awaiting the arrivals of their bundles of joy. Five are first-time moms!

One of the ducks briefly deflated, but both are now drawing crowds.

Giant Rubber Ducks Splash Down in Hong Kong

Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman dropped two 59-ft. inflatable ducks in Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor recently, 10 years after the iconic installation debuted. "I hope it will bring as much pleasure as it did in the past. . . . I think it's the right moment to bring back the double luck," he wrote on Instagram.

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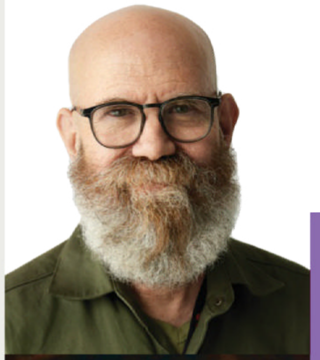

picks

THE BUZZ ON WHAT TO WATCH, READ & LISTEN TO THIS WEEK!

Snap that whip! Ford has said that he's now retired from his iconic role.

BIG
summer movie!

MOVIE | Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

One last hurrah for Harrison Ford's human superhero

ACTION-FANTASY Admirably stoic and unfussy, Ford has played Indiana Jones for more than 40 years—running, riding, jumping and tumbling as this physically challenging role demanded. If he hadn't been a Hollywood star he could have been a Norse legend—Beowulf with a fedora.

This fifth, final film starts with a long, rather clunky prologue in '40s Germany. Young Indy (Ford, de-aged with great skill) has been captured by the Nazis, foiled in his attempt to keep Hitler from getting hold of a legendary artifact, the Lance of Longinus. But there's a second object of antiquity in play. It's a world-changing device, a dial with wheels as meticulously engineered as those in a modern watch, created by the Greek mathematician Archimedes.

Well, Indy escapes, and the story resumes in 1969. He's more rumpled and taciturn than ever and still having to contend with that Greek doohickey: His goddaughter (*Fleabag*'s Phoebe Waller-Bridge) is itching to find it and make a fortune. Waller-Bridge is a brilliant talent, but she's wrong here—she lacks the right cynical brassiness. It's like casting Emma Thompson when you need Barbara Stanwyck. True, that actress died in 1990, but who's to say that digital magic and Archimedes' genius couldn't resurrect her?

> 'The story takes a crazy but inspired swerve'

At two hours and 20-plus minutes, *Dial* is often slack until its last third, when the story takes a crazy but inspired swerve. Yet Ford always seems completely sane, even as time itself spins. That may have been key to this whole franchise. *(In theaters June 30, PG-13)*

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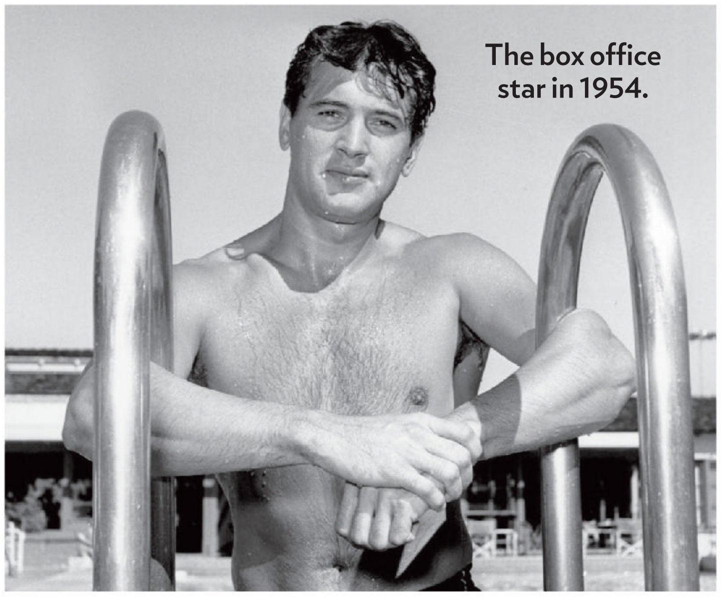
APPLE TV+ | Hijack

THRILLER In this thickly plotted series, Idris Elba plays Sam Nelson, a business negotiator who finds an unexpected outlet for his skills after boarding a flight to London: The plane is hijacked, setting off a protracted, desperate game in which Sam has to juggle the demands of the baddies, the safety of his fellow passengers and the calculations of the people in charge on the ground. *(First two episodes launch June 28)*

Elba is having a very bumpy flight.



The box office star in 1954.

HBO | Rock Hudson: All That Heaven Allowed

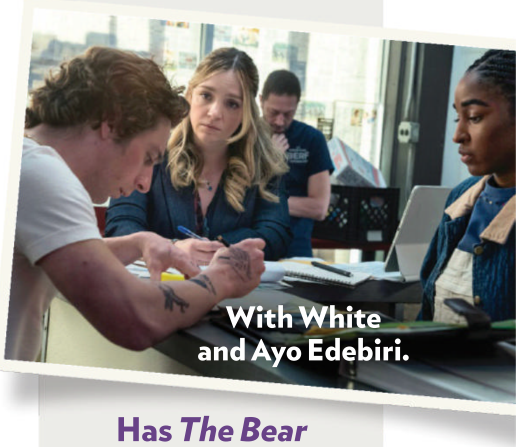
DOCUMENTARY Hudson is now routinely referred to as the first major Hollywood star to die of an AIDS-related illness: His decline and death—and the revelation of his long-suspected homosexuality—made for cruel, sensational headlines. This respectful film depicts a life and career conducted carefully (and, to the degree that it was possible, happily) in the closet. *(June 28, 9 p.m.)*

Q&A

The Bear's Abby Elliott

The 36-year-old actress—who gave birth to her second child, William, on June 9—stars on the FX hit about a Chicago chef, now in its second season.

You play Jeremy Allen White's sister. How do you two click?
He could be my brother in real life. He showed me a picture of his sister and was like, "You look alike."



With White and Ayo Edebiri.

Has *The Bear* influenced your home cooking?
My character makes a chicken piccata. Our culinary producer put it together. I try to re-create that, and I'll text her frantically like, "I burned the butter!"

If you could cast your dad, comedian Chris Elliott, on the show, who would he play?
Maybe a disgruntled customer. That would be fun.

—KELLY MARTINEZ

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Jackson with Cobie Smulders. (For more on Jackson, see page 88.)

DISNEY+ | Secret Invasion

Samuel L. Jackson faces the ultimate foreign enemy

FANTASY The latest product from the Marvel programming factory has the invitingly tricky feel of a Cold War spy thriller—it's murky, dark and conspiratorial, with the United States and Russia staring at each other across an unfriendly geopolitical divide. The difference is that the troublemaking is mostly the work of a force of shape-shifting aliens, the Skrulls. Jackson's Nick Fury is up to his neck trying to contain this menace. The pedigreed supporting cast includes a cheery but sinister Olivia Colman. If the alien threat were any worse, maybe we'd have Maggie Smith here too. *(New episodes launch Wednesdays)*

NETFLIX | Extraction 2

A new adventure for Chris Hemsworth

ACTION In a sequel to Netflix's 2020 hit film, distractingly sexy mercenary Tyler Rake (Hemsworth) engineers a prison escape for his ex-wife's sister. This also releases the hounds of hell to chase after him—something to do with a family of mobsters who all look as if they were styled at a salon for Neanderthals. The action scenes are what matter, and those are good. *(Streaming now)*

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Union and Powers.

NETFLIX | The Perfect Find

Gabrielle Union falls in love—flawlessly

ROM-COM Jenna (Union), who's been lying low after a few painful life hiccups, throws herself into a new job in fashion publishing. She'd been a big deal before her retreat—now she kowtows to acid-tongued Darcy (Gina Torres). But Jenna finds other things to her liking: At a party she experiences a nice sexual frisson with young Eric (Keith Powers). She tries to laugh it off. "I slipped," she tells a friend, "making out with a fetus." Instead the two fall in love, but they also have to dodge complications, one of which is Darcy. The film is effortless and charming—perfect for the start of summer—and Union looks fantastic in a Catwoman costume. *(Launches June 23)*

Scene-Stealer: *Never Have I Ever's* Michael Cimino

The 23-year-old actor, best known as the sweetly beguiling hero of the Hulu series *Love, Victor* (2020-22), pops up on the final season of the Netflix hit as rule-breaking bad-boy Ethan Morales—sexy, flirty and, when all is said and done, still sweetly beguiling. Ethan is by no means Mr. Right for the grade-obsessed Devi (Maitreyi Ramakrishnan)—even if she thrives on teenage romantic melodrama—but he comes close to being Mr. Right for the Moment.

With costar Maitreyi Ramakrishnan.

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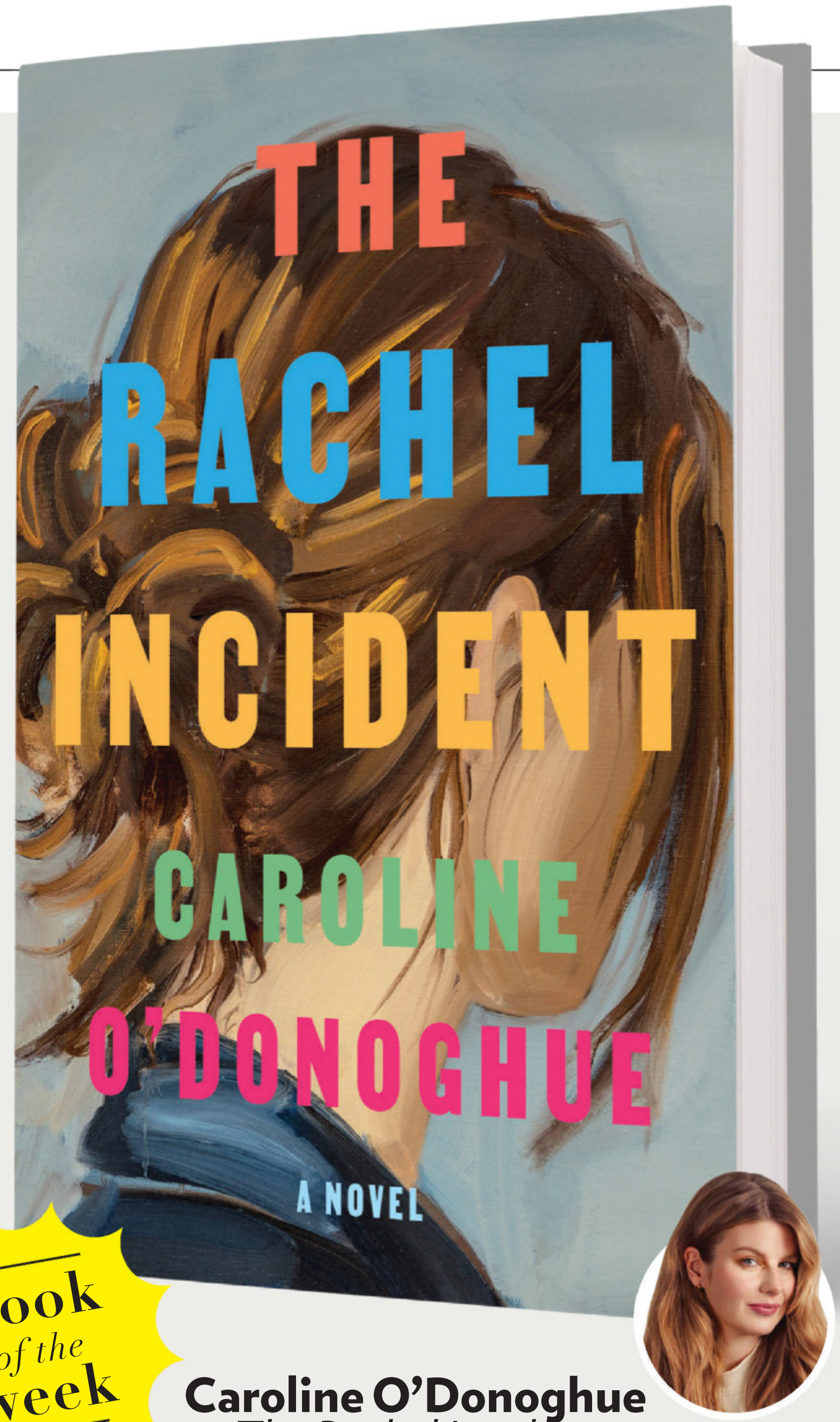
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Caroline O'Donoghue
The Rachel Incident
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Books by Irish women writers are hot these days, and this novel is on fire. It's about a young Rachel caught between two Jameses and a Fred—one's a gay coworker who becomes both housemate and best friend, one's a new maybe-boyfriend, and one's her literature professor, whom she also fancies, until she finds him in a compromising position with James No. 1. O'Donoghue deepens the familiar coming-of-age premise with riveting moral complications.

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Ana Menéndez
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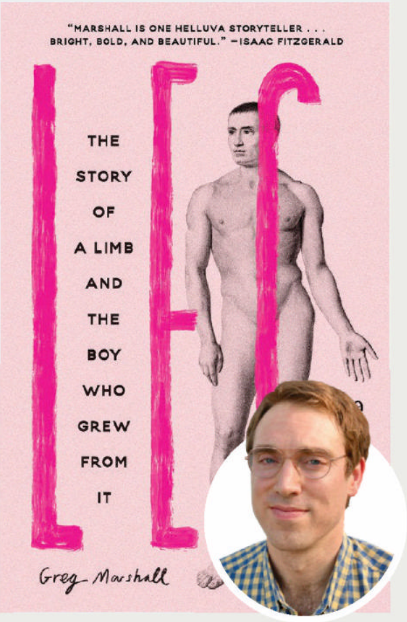
A once-famous concert pianist, a Cuban refugee and a military major's young bride are just some of the tenants of apartment 2B over the years. This sweeping novel explores grief, exile and the power of community, all within one South Miami Beach art deco building.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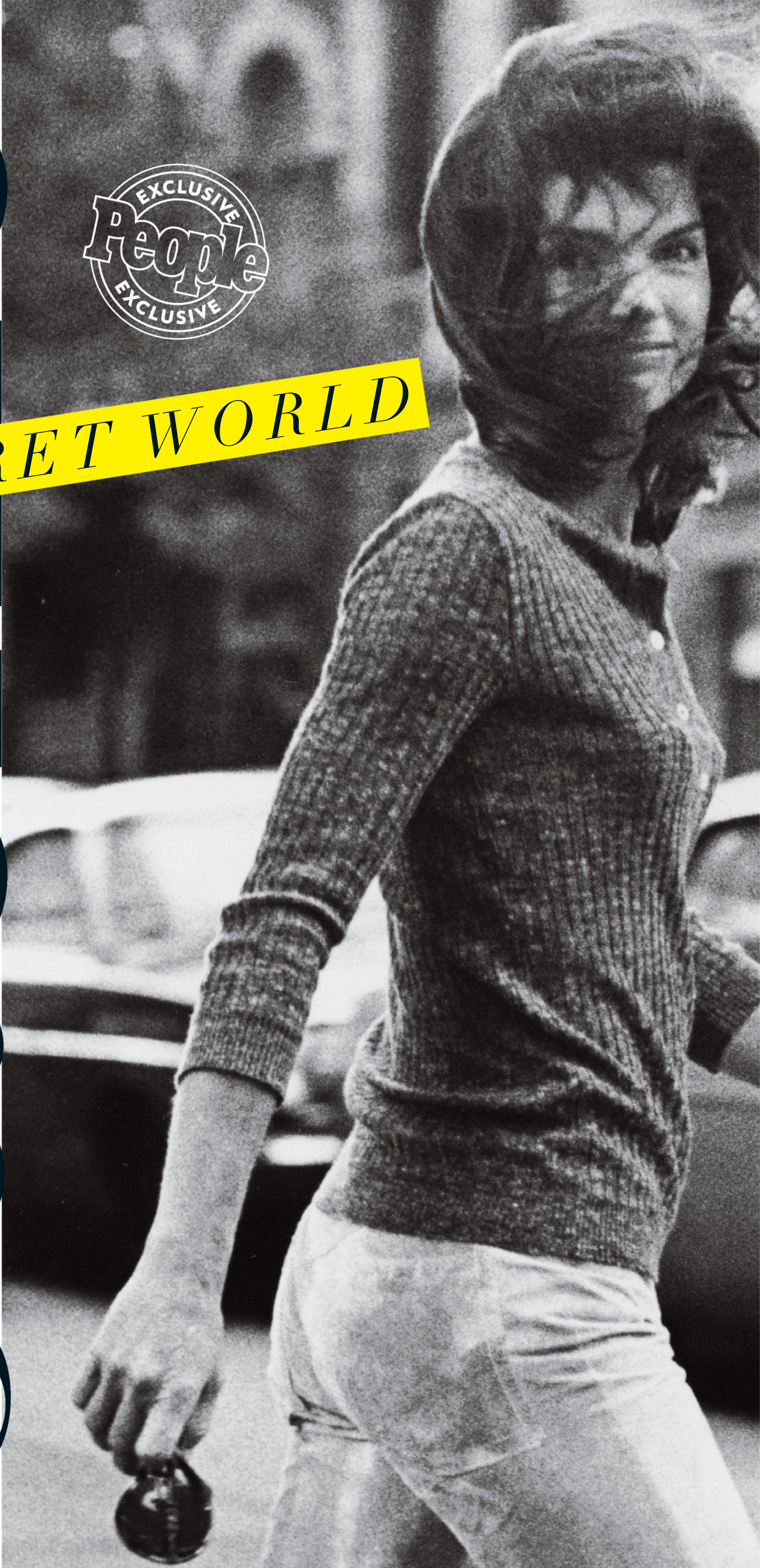

60 YEARS AFTER JFK'S ASSASSINATION, A NEW BOOK REVEALS THE LASTING TRAUMA AND PRIVATE STRUGGLES OF THE FORMER FIRST LADY—AND INTIMATE DETAILS OF HER SURPRISING LOVE STORY WITH A VERY DIFFERENT JACK

In the final months of her life, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis received a Valentine's note from a former lover, Jack Warnecke. She'd rarely been out of his thoughts, he told her. Three decades earlier the former First Lady and the handsome architect, who had designed the memorial grave site for President Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery, had fallen deeply in love. Now, as she underwent chemotherapy after being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, his note had led to a reunion at her Manhattan apartment, the final chapter of a love story that had remained little-known among her more legendary romances. Years later Warnecke shared his memories with author J. Randy Taraborrelli—with one caveat. Out of loyalty to the famously private Jackie, Warnecke asked that everything remain under wraps until a decade after his death, which came in 2010, when he was 91. Now those details are among the many revealing moments shared in Taraborrelli's new biography *Jackie: Public, Private, Secret*, excerpted exclusively here. "So many of the books about Jackie are about the glamour and the celebrity," Taraborrelli tells *People*'s Liz McNeil. "I wanted to write about the human side." Nearly 30 years after her death at age 64 on May 19, 1994, "one of the great misconceptions is how she got past the loss of her husband and moved on with her life," says Taraborrelli. "The reality is, the trauma never left her. She always battled to move forward, and that speaks to her fighting spirit and the woman she *really* was."

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American Icon

Jackie (in 1971 and, top right, with JFK in '59) "was out in the world but always maintained an aura of mystery," says her biographer J. Randy Taraborrelli.

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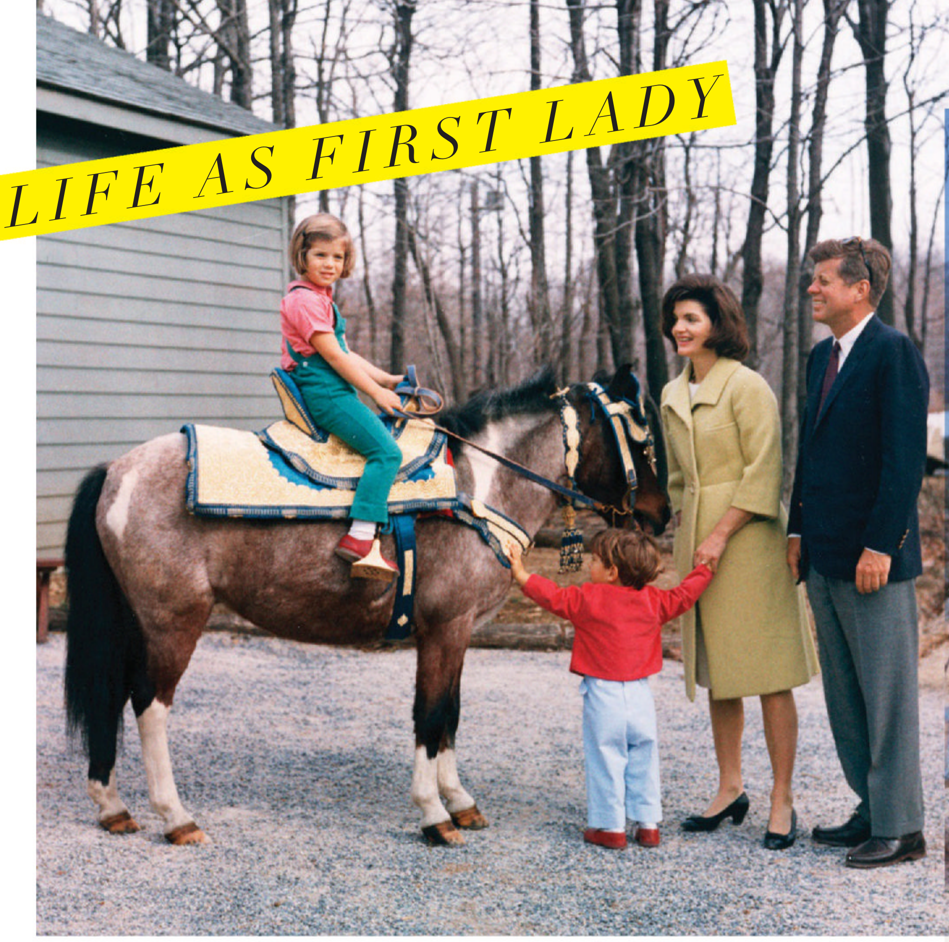
LIFE AS FIRST LADY



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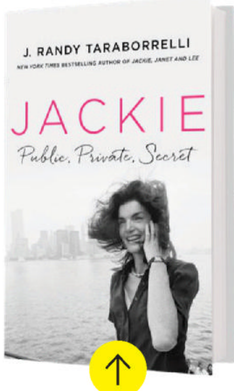
End of an Era
Arriving in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and (left) with JFK, Caroline and John on March 31, 1963.

It was nightfall as John Warnecke walked to 1040 Fifth Avenue to visit his former lover, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The apartment was dark and quiet. John Warnecke—better known as "Jack"—noticed a telescope in the corner. Jackie had once told him she often gazed into it to see how the other half lived.

He noticed a light from one of the rooms. Wearing a pink chenille sweater over white silk pajamas, she was seated close to the fireplace. Jackie asked Jack to not reveal to anyone what was about to happen, not while either of them was alive, anyway.

In [our] 1998 interview, Jack said, "As I took my seat, Jackie handed me a stack of envelopes neatly tied together with yarn. My presence that evening was part of a ritual. Every night that week, she was inviting a trusted friend or family member to her home to take part in it."



J. RANDY TARABORRELLI
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF JACKIE, JANET AND LEE
JACKIE
Public, Private, Secret

Bombshell Biography
"Jackie looms so large," says Taraborrelli, "but her struggles make her relatable—and help you understand her."

Jackie untied the yarn and took a letter from the stack. She read it before placing it into the fire. He recalled, "There were letters from Jackie's children, John and Caroline . . . There were also letters from Jack Kennedy, Aristotle Onassis, her father, Jack Bouvier and even a few from me."

She held one of the photographs and stared at it. It was her and Jack [Kennedy] on the day of his inauguration. "Keep this for me, will you?" she asked.

Jackie was by her husband's side in the Dallas motorcade when he was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963.

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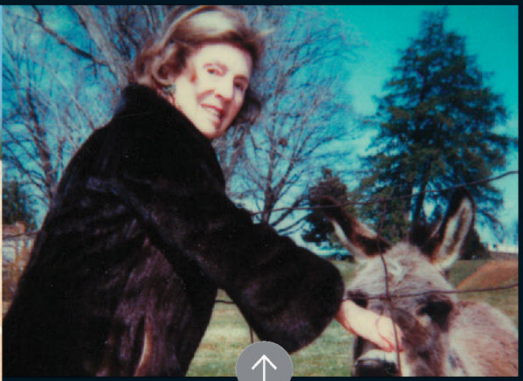
HER FAMILY ROOTS

After Jackie's parents' divorce, her mom, Janet, married stockbroker Hugh D. Auchincloss in 1942. He had three children from a previous marriage.

Blended Brood
Jackie (circled, ca. 1946) and her sister Lee (middle right) had two half-siblings and three stepsiblings after their mother married Hugh D. Auchincloss.

Her Father
She shared a special bond with her dad, Jack Bouvier (in 1949), despite his heavy drinking and gambling.



Her Mother
"As critical as she was, she was also fiercely protective," Taraborrelli says of Jackie's mom, Janet (at her home in Newport, R.I.).

Her Focus

Jackie (with John and Caroline in '64) famously said, "If you bungle raising your children, I don't think anything else you do matters very much."

Some said it sounded like a crack. Jackie Kennedy thought it was the backfire of a motorcycle. Confused, she watched as Jack grabbed his throat and lurched to the left. Rifle shots, all. Three in the course of less than five seconds.

"Jack turned and I turned back," she later recalled. "I could see a piece of his skull coming off. He was holding out his hand and I can see this perfectly clean piece detaching from his head. Then, he slumped in my lap."

Less than a year after her husband's death, architect Jack Warnecke approached Jackie—raising eyebrows among some in her inner circle.

It was in the middle of May 1964 when Jack Warnecke called to ask her out. "On a date?" she asked. "Because I don't date, Jack, and I never will again," she said. No, Jack told her, it wasn't a date. It was just dinner. That night, he showed up at her door with flowers. "But, Jack, I didn't say yes," she told him, annoyed. "But you didn't say no," he said with a smile. "That's when it started between us," Jack Warnecke recalled.

After the president was assassinated, Jackie hired Jack Warnecke to design his grave site at Arlington. Jackie told herself Jack deserved the job. Her friends had to wonder, though. Bobby Kennedy wondered, too. He believed Jack was moving in on Jackie too quickly.

"It's too soon, Jackie," Bobby told her. "For what?" she asked. "For this," he exclaimed. She then leveled with him: "This is none of your business, Bobby."

In November 1964, she brought Warnecke to the Kennedy compound in Hyannis. "We had dinner—clam chowder—and talked until the sun went down, and then talked beyond that... Then, one thing led to another."

Jackie walked him upstairs to her bedroom, the same one she'd once shared with Jack Kennedy. Much to Jack's surprise, she wanted to make love ... and so they did. The next morning, Jack awakened to find Jackie gone. He found her staring out at the beach. He tried to talk about what had happened the night before, but she didn't want to. Instead, she asked him to leave. He realized it had been too soon for her.

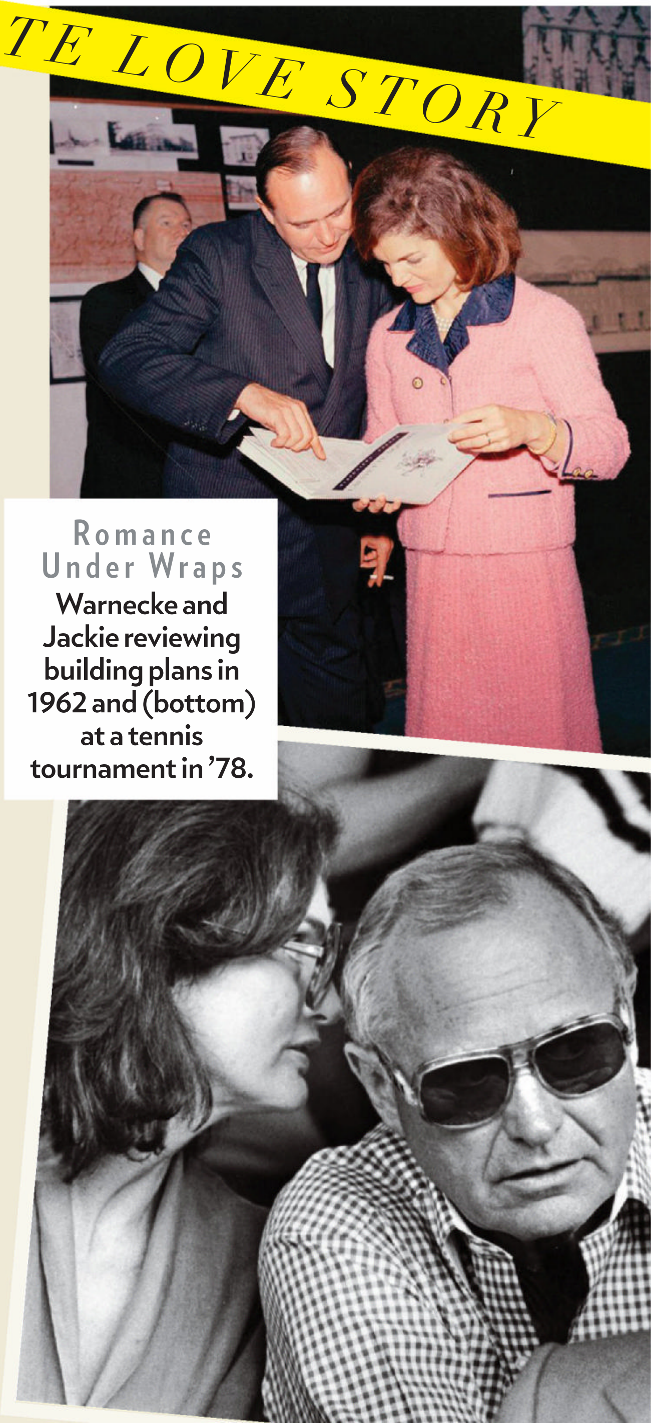
It was an emotional seesaw: up one moment, down the next. She later told Jack Warnecke, "Every time I think I'm having fun, I look down at myself from above and can see that it's all performance art."

They dated a little more than three years. In 1966 he planned to propose in Hawaii.

They simply began talking about marriage as if it were a fait accompli, but it bothered Jack that no formal plans were being made, yet. Still, their intimacy didn't suffer. Warnecke said they had sex not only in the privacy of their bedroom but also in cars and on beaches "and as often as possible. She was sexual... alive... exciting to be with."

HER PRIVATE LOVE STORY

Warnecke first met Jackie in October 1962 at a White House dinner party, where the San Francisco-based architect asked the First Lady to dance. As Warnecke later told author J. Randy Taraborrelli, "It was a lovely attraction" that progressed to romance after JFK's death. The two shared a passion for preservation and worked together to restore the historic homes around Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C. Warnecke, known for his environmentally sensitive designs, went on to run one of the largest architecture firms in the U.S. Even though Jackie left him and later wed Ari Onassis, Taraborrelli says, "they always remained friends. He really was crazy about her."



Romance Under Wraps

Warnecke and Jackie reviewing building plans in 1962 and (bottom) at a tennis tournament in '78.

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Her Second Marriage
"They both got what they wanted," says Taraborrelli of Jackie and Ari Onassis (in '69). "Money and protection for her and status for him—being married to the most famous woman in the world."

Free Spirit
"It's not like she had bodyguards," says Taraborrelli of Jackie (in '76). "She made it a point to be part of New York City."

> 'Jackie was sexy, vibrant and always curious'
> —J. RANDY TARABORRELLI

Soon after, Warnecke called to tell her that the expansion of his architecture firm—and their extravagant lifestyle—had left him $1 million in debt.

After a long silence, her response was a vacant: "Oh?" Jack said he hoped it wouldn't totally ruin things for them. Before he hung up, he told her he loved her. She didn't respond. She stopped returning his calls. "Is Mr. Jack coming over today?" little John asked his mother one afternoon. "No, honey," she said, scooping him up in her arms. "We won't be seeing Mr. Jack again."

When Legends Meet
Jackie (with Warren Beatty) "felt [Beatty] was consumed by his own career," writes Taraborrelli. "She told one friend, right before it was time to say goodnight, he'd finally ask her, 'So, how are *you* doing?'"

Jackie married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis in 1968. It was a turbulent union that ended with his death at age 69 in 1975. Meanwhile, she entered therapy with Dr. Marianne Kris, a psychoanalyst who had trained under Sigmund Freud.

"Dr. Kris would never discuss Mrs. Onassis, citing doctor-patient confidentiality," said Patricia Atwood, Kris's secretary from 1972 to 1974, in an email. "They addressed Mrs. Onassis's ongoing PTSD over the assassination, as well as certain nagging issues about their marriage. He went out in a blaze of glory, Mrs. Onassis said, according to one of the notes I read. The way he died had completely robbed her of the right to hate him, she said. Next to that entry, Dr. Kris wrote that her grief was anything but, as she put it, 'tidy.'"

In the early '70s Jackie discovered Dr. Kris had once treated Marilyn Monroe, long believed to have had an affair with JFK—just one of his many infidelities.

When Jackie confronted her, Dr. Kris said she felt no responsibility to inform her about any former patients in the same way she'd never reveal

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that she'd ever treated Jackie. Marianne asked, "How is this relevant?" to which Jackie responded, "How is it *not* relevant?"

Jackie became a book editor in 1975 and tried to woo big names, including Warren Beatty, to write memoirs.

Jackie found him interesting and went out on a few dates with him until bringing him back to 1040 Fifth Avenue and having him spend the night. One member of her staff recalls coming into the kitchen one morning to find the actor sitting at the kitchen table talking to John Kennedy Jr., "as if it was the most normal thing in the world."

Jackie and Warren socialized for a few months, but she found him self-absorbed. When someone close to her asked how Warren was in the bedroom, Jackie said, "Oh, he's fine. Men can only do so much, anyway."

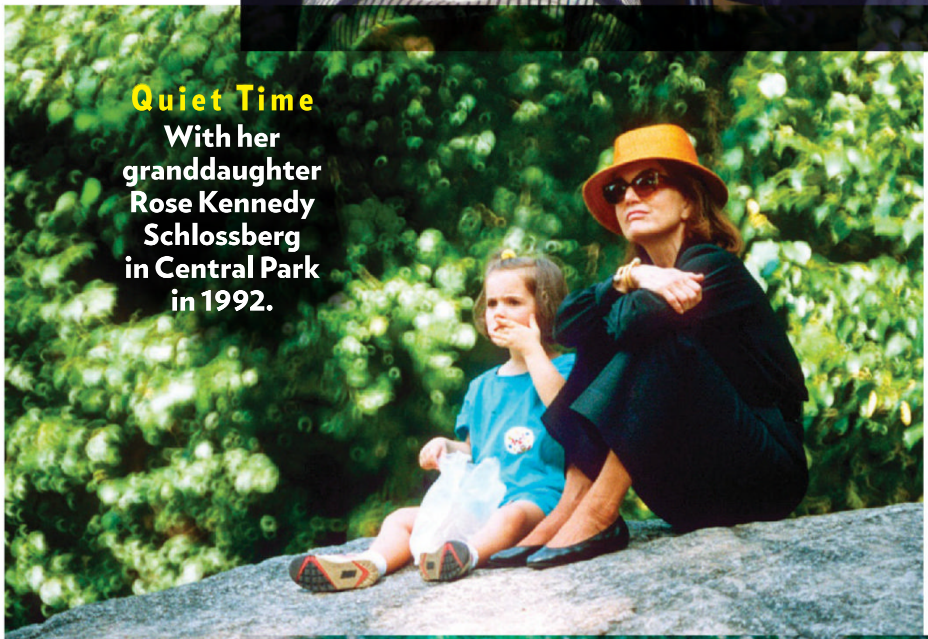
In her later years Jackie found companionship with diamond merchant Maurice Tempelsman. Then in early 1994 she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Two months before her death, she called Warnecke.

"Hello, Jack. How've you been?" It had been about a month since the ritual in her apartment, during which he and Jackie had burned letters in the fireplace. As they talked, Jackie told Jack that after four chemotherapy treatments, her tests had come back clean. She thought she'd beaten the disease. Then, unbelievably, an MRI showed that it had metastasized to the membranes of her brain and spinal cord. Jack asked her if, in reviewing her life, she had any regrets. She said she wished she hadn't let Nov. 22, 1963, poison the rest of her life.

"But that's not what happened," Jack said, surprised. He said she had gone on after Dallas and she had even thrived. "But I never got over it," Jackie said, sadly. "I got past it maybe, but never over it." "What a shame," she now told Jack, "to spend so much time tormented by a thing I could never change." Then again, Jackie mused, maybe that's what her husband deserved—for her to never really get over it. Jack remembered, "I told her I never stopped loving her. I thought she was going to say the same to me. Instead, she said, 'That's such a lovely thing to say, Jack. Thank you. I'd like to just leave it there if I may.'" They promised to talk again soon. They never did. ●

HER LATER YEARS

Tight Bond
Jackie (ca. '93) was close with her adult children John, who died in a 1999 plane crash, and Caroline (now the U.S. ambassador to Australia).



Quiet Time
With her granddaughter Rose Kennedy Schlossberg in Central Park in 1992.

Legacy of Love
She doted on her three grandchildren (from left), Jack, Rose and Tatiana Schlossberg, on July 29, 1993, on Martha's Vineyard.

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Jon Hamm & John Slattery

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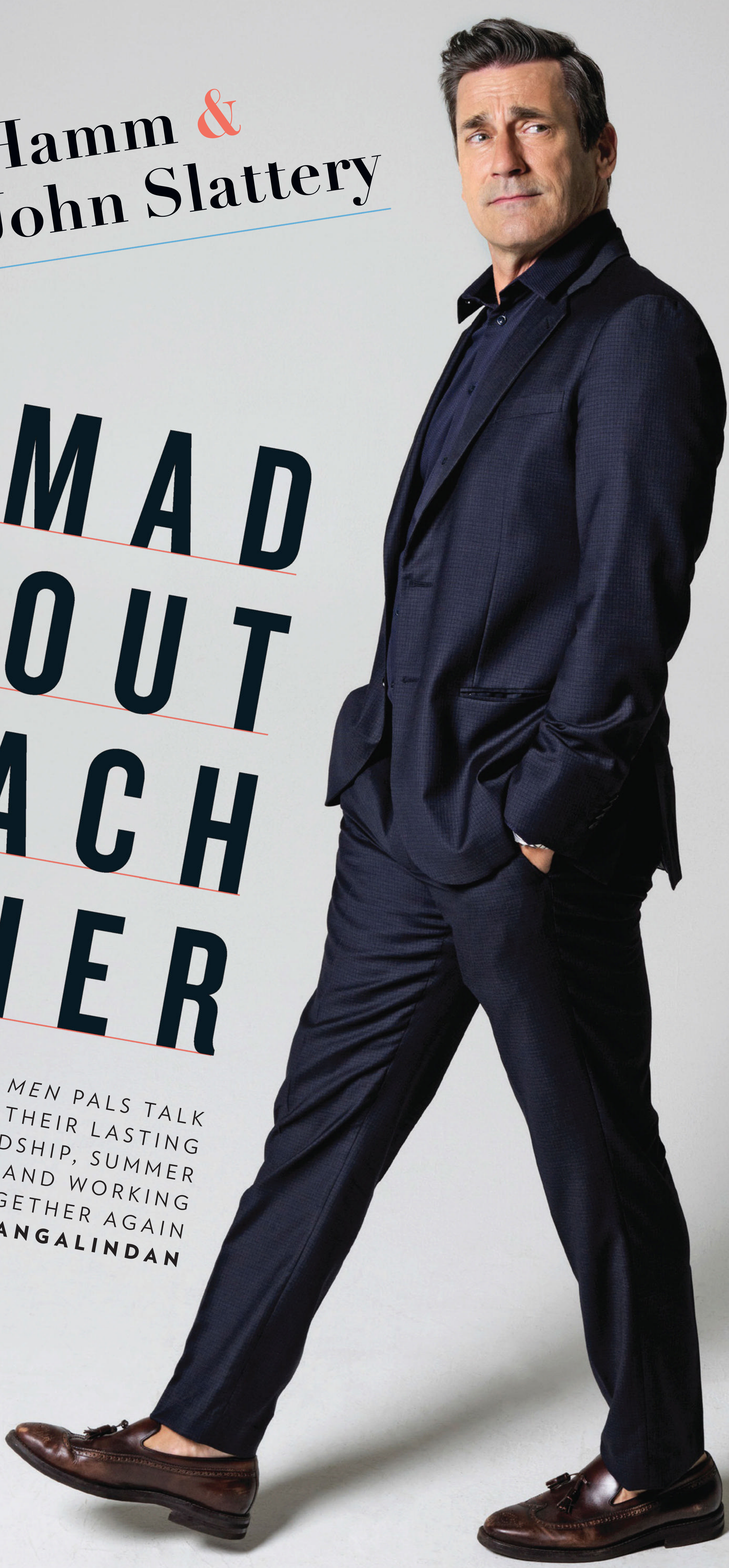
MAD ABOUT EACH OTHER

THE MAD MEN PALS TALK ABOUT THEIR LASTING FRIENDSHIP, SUMMER COOKOUTS AND WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN

By **JP MANGALINDAN**



LONELY HEARTS Slattery says Tina Fey's turn as a divorcée in *Maggie Moore(s)* let her "flex her muscles in a different way."

WORKING IN HARMONY Directing Hamm in the film was easy, says Slattery: "Jon gives you so many options and colors."

After working in Hollywood for more than 25 years, Jon Hamm knows all too well that costars don't always become friends. "You could grow to hate each other or grow to love one another," says the *Mad Men* Emmy winner (and 16-time nominee). He and former *Mad Men* colleague John Slattery, 60, are (thankfully) in the latter camp. "We became great friends," continues Hamm, 52, who bonded with Slattery, himself a four-time Emmy nominee, on the set of the acclaimed 2007-2015 AMC drama. They went on to collaborate on the 2022 comedy *Confess, Fletch* and the new true-crime comedy *Maggie Moore(s)*, in which Hamm's lonely cop investigates the murders of two women with the same name. "Slatty," as Hamm calls his friend, directs.

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AN ONSCREEN BROMANCE

MAD MEN (2007–15)
Hamm won an Emmy for his turn as troubled ad exec Don Draper. Slattery (left, with Hamm and Vincent Kartheiser) played his charming boss Roger Sterling.

CONFESS, FLETCH (2022)
While searching for stolen art, reporter Fletch (Hamm) becomes the suspect in a murder and seeks help from his old boss Frank (Slattery).

Off-set, the duo become a foursome: Hamm and his fiancée, *Confess, Fletch* costar Anna Osceola, 35, and Slattery and his wife, actress Talia Balsam, 64, are a squad. They often travel together and during the summer hang out together on Long Island in New York and grill up some fish. Notes Hamm, “We don’t have a lot of friendships like that in life.”

Do you remember the first time you met?
JON HAMM It was day one of filming the pilot of *Mad Men,* and we had about a three-and-a-half-page scene together.
JOHN SLATTERY We had a long day. We just hit it off. It’s been onward and upward since then.
What were your first impressions?
HAMM He’s shorter than other Johns. I tower over you! [Hamm stands 6′1″; Slattery is 5′10″.]
SLATTERY Aside from cutting up and testing each other’s sense of humor and seeing what’s funny and hitting all the right buttons, I was just really impressed with the skill with which he played [ad exec Don Draper] right out of the gate.
Your new movie, *Maggie Moore(s)*, flirts with the idea of mistaken identities. Do you ever get mistaken for someone else?
HAMM Slatty gets mistaken for [*The West Wing* Emmy winner] Bradley Whitford all the time.
SLATTERY I met [sports commentator and former tennis pro] John McEnroe’s daughter recently, and she said I look like her dad. I took that as a compliment. I like Johnny Mac.
The movie also has its share of nosy neighbors. How would you rate yourselves as neighbors?
HAMM I have very good relationships with all four of my neighbors. That way, if you ever need to use their recycling bin, you can put your overflow in and they don’t get angry.
SLATTERY I know my neighbors really well. I have an elevator that opens into my apartment. It opens into my neighbors’ apartments, too. I’ve seen them all with the same surprised look on their face when I think I’m in the lobby. I walk out on the third floor into their living room, and they walk into mine. I’ve been living in the same place for quite a while, so we’re a pretty tight little unit.
When you’re not working together, how often do you keep in touch?
HAMM A lot! We talk. We check in with one another. I’m actually going to spend the summer out in Long Island, kind of around the corner from John.
What do you like to do when you connect?
HAMM There’s a long list, whether it’s walking the dogs, going on the beach or eating.

LUCKY IN LOVE!

READY TO WED
Hamm and Osceola (on June 12 in New York) got engaged earlier this year.

LASTING MARRIAGE
“I really couldn’t be luckier,” Slattery says of Balsam (on Jan. 17 in New York). “We continue to have a great run.”

SLATTERY A lot of eating.

HAMM The time in Long Island, it's just such a good lifestyle. You go get some fish, some corn, grill it up, and it's a pretty good evening. And yeah, play some cribbage together.

What about the rest of the *Mad Men* cast? Are there text chains, Wordle clubs, get-togethers?

SLATTERY There are text chains.

HAMM It's usually Rich Sommer who leads the charge. Everyone has scattered to the wind, but we always check in after a certain point.

SLATTERY I talked to Christina Hendricks recently, and whoever's birthday comes up gets a bunch of "happy birthday" texts. I do miss a lot of those guys. I wish I saw some of them more.

You're both in relationships with other actors. How do you and your partners support each other?

SLATTERY The scheduling can be the tricky part. While we were doing *Mad Men*, it was tricky for her because once that ship sails, you're on it. Talia was in it a lot in the beginning [she played Mona, the first wife of Slattery's character, Roger Sterling] and less so sometimes as it went forward. But she's a great actress. If I do something, the next thing I do, I'd like to do with her.

HAMM It's kind of a day-to-day thing. You're in it, it's your life, and so you wake up and you deal with what comes at you. That's certainly the case with us. With this career, there's no rule book. You really have to lean on one another for their support and for any kind of advice.

What profession do you think you would enjoy if you weren't in show business?

SLATTERY I'd like to be John McEnroe. God. He can tell you everything about what tennis players are going through.

HAMM That's a real skill. We could be the Slattery and Hamm Tennis Commentators.

SLATTERY That'd be good. We could do that. We'll just sit around, drink beers and talk about tennis.

Looking back, what would you say your friendship has meant to you?

SLATTERY The older I get, the more I'm aware of the passage of time. Knowing this whole thing is finite and there's a winnowing list of people with whom you want to spend your life. I just enjoy Jon's company. I value it.

HAMM The feeling's mutual. When we're hanging out together—on the beach, in the city, out in L.A.—it's truly a gift. When we also get to extend that into working together, that's icing on the cake.

Do you have any immediate plans to work together again?

HAMM We made *Confess, Fletch,* and hopefully we'll get a chance to do that again and bring back our characters from the first one. That would be fun. We had a blast.

SLATTERY They're going to try to figure out how to get enough money to pay me. I'm being that honest! ●

'WHEN WE'RE HANGING TOGETHER, IT'S TRULY A GIFT'

—JON HAMM

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Catherine Oxenberg

Trauma, Ketamine & My Journey to Healing

AFTER YEARS FIGHTING TO FREE HER DAUGHTER FROM A CULT, THE FORMER *DYNASTY* STAR FOUND HERSELF IN PHYSICAL AGONY. A DIAGNOSIS, AND RELIEF, ELUDED HER—UNTIL SHE TRIED AN UNCONVENTIONAL THERAPY

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New Lease on Life

Realizing that her physical pain was linked to past trauma allowed Oxenberg to let go of internalized guilt: "It was a reclamation of dignity."

HAIR & MAKEUP: MALLORIE MASON

'[After my first session] all the doors to recovery opened. Ketamine was the catalyst'

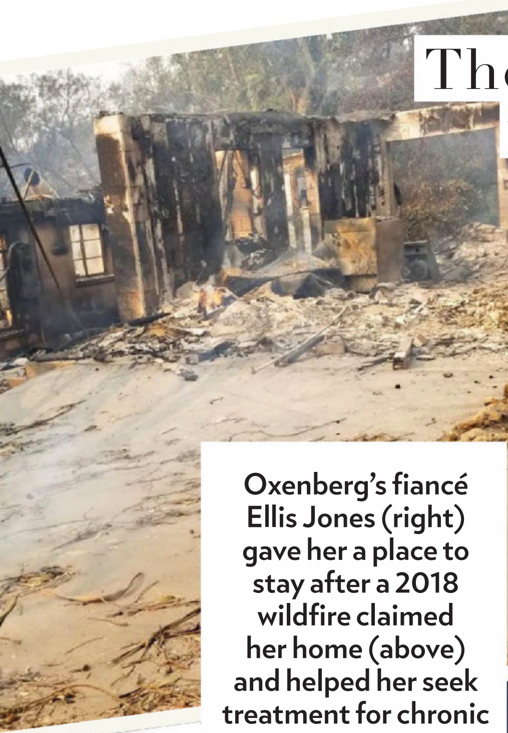
—CATHERINE OXENBERG

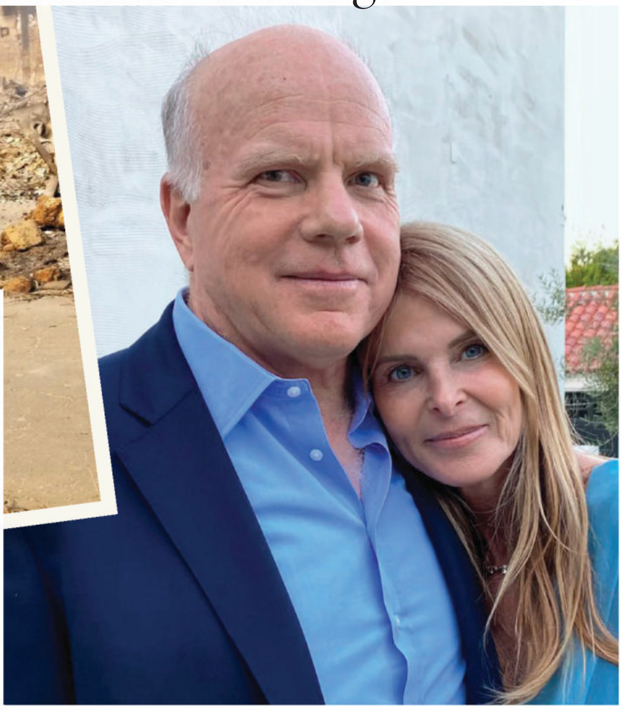
Catherine Oxenberg remembers the moment she lost hope. Over a two-week period in early 2020, the former *Dynasty* star—who had been active and able-bodied throughout her life—suddenly found herself bedridden and overcome with pain: stabbing, radiating, excruciating pain that moved around her body seemingly at random. Her hands swelled, her feet went numb, her spine ached. Unable to sleep, drive or even hold a toothbrush, she churned through a "conveyor belt of specialists," including rheumatologists, neurologists and psychologists. Doctors offered up a string of misdiagnoses—inflammatory arthritis, fibromyalgia, peripheral neuropathy, and pre-autoimmune disease, among others—and prescriptions for antidepressants and opioids that provided no relief. "The thing with pain is that your life gets small really fast. It becomes part of your identity without you even realizing," says Oxenberg, 61. "Everything is filtered through it. One doctor told me, 'This becomes chronic pain after three months. Once the brain is wired, it can't be unwired.' It was like getting a death sentence."

But Oxenberg, famously, does not give up easily: Her dogged, seven-year odyssey to free her daughter India from the sinister NXIVM cult and its predatory leader Keith Raniere (who is now serving 120 years in prison) was documented in her 2018 book *Captive* and in the 2020 Starz docuseries *Seduced*. Just days after moving India, now 32, into her Malibu property to reconnect following her escape, Oxenberg lost her home in the 2018 California wildfires. Just when those close to her—and Oxenberg herself—began to sense that her signature tenacity might be slipping away, one doctor at UCLA made a lifesaving connection between her past trauma and current agony. As Oxenberg remembers: "She told me, 'For somebody who's had the experiences you've had, you are a poster child for late-onset pain.' "

The theory—that a part of the brain will create physical discomfort in response to fear and repressed trauma as a coping mechanism and a "safer" alternative to addressing a more insidious mental or emotional threat—led Oxenberg to a second breakthrough, this time in November 2020 at the Bioreset clinic in Northern California. Under a doctor's care she took her first intravenous dose of ketamine, an anesthetic with psychedelic properties. Though often abused as a street

The Road to Rebuilding





Oxenberg's fiancé Ellis Jones (right) gave her a place to stay after a 2018 wildfire claimed her home (above) and helped her seek treatment for chronic pain. "I worried he thought it was time to send me to the glue factory," she jokes.

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drug, ketamine can be legally administered and has become an increasingly popular treatment for anxiety and drug-resistant depression (see sidebar). As prescribed to Oxenberg and other trauma survivors, ketamine also shows effectiveness as a therapeutic, both encouraging neural plasticity (i.e., a rewiring of the brain) and regulating the nervous system so patients can address painful memories without triggering the brain's fight-or-flight response: "an upgrading of my operating system," as Oxenberg describes it.

"What I felt was the depth of relaxation, that every cell in my body just let go," she recalls of her first treatment, equating the experience to being "airlifted out of the combat zone of life." She remembers the euphoria of hearing a voice during a calm moment—"a wise part of myself"—reassuring her she would heal. "It said only I could heal myself, because only I could connect all the dots of my experience—and [for the first time] I got it. And I never went back to despair."

Although she acknowledges that ketamine therapy can sound "a little woo-woo," science is lending validity to the unconventional treatment. "[Research] suggests that if you activate trauma memories before getting ketamine," says Dr. John Krystal, McNeil professor and chair of psychiatry at Yale University, "a single dose can produce a lasting reduction in the brain of that traumatic memory [and] a weakening of the ability of that memory to produce distress."

Oxenberg, who says her six intravenous treatments in the past two years and periodic use of prescription ketamine lozenges have given her "freedom beyond pain management," now wants to bring the drug's healing potential to help others. She recently shared her experience as a keynote speaker at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies' (MAPS') Psychedelic Science 2023 conference in Denver, and in partnership with India she is launching Healix 180, a website dedicated to healing as a lifestyle. She is also spearheading the Healix Immersion Program, a retreat offering ketamine-assisted therapy and monitored group aftercare to sexual-assault survivors and other trauma victims. (The first retreat was held in Mill Valley, Calif., in March. All participants, according to Oxenberg, successfully overcame suicidal ideations, and UCLA is currently interpreting ongoing patient data.)

"We want to provide a platform for people who are struggling with symptoms of anxiety, chronic pain and depression," says Oxenberg, adding that she plans to expand the program to individuals with eating disorders, female veterans who have experienced sexual assault, patients undergoing palliative care and others. "Part of my mission is to change the [current options for pain management]. My own journey of finding healing is remarkable, by the grace of God—but also because of my ferocity. I will never take no for an answer."

These days she's looking forward to an especially joyous occasion—and the chance to say "yes"—her upcoming wedding to her fiancé, businessman Ellis Jones, a neighbor who reached out and offered her a place to stay after her home burned. The couple plan to marry in October on the beach, with Oxenberg's daughters—India, Maya, 21, and Celeste, 19—in attendance. It's the latest reminder, she says, that she's now fully reconnected to the part of herself that is bigger and stronger than the debilitating experiences that once threatened to destroy her. "No matter how much trauma I've gone through—feeling like something was irretrievably lost—it's been an extraordinary experience to realize I'm not broken," says Oxenberg. "I've realized I'm not defective. I'm intact. I'm whole."

With reporting by **LIZ McNEIL**

KETAMINE: A DOCTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

According to Yale University's Dr. John Krystal, a leading ketamine researcher, the drug works by blocking the NMDA subtype of glutamate receptor and weakening the signals from some pain pathways in the brain and spinal cord. It also helps reduce inflammation in the brain, which contributes to pain. Krystal says that although treatment is "generally safe and well tolerated," ketamine should only be used under proper medical supervision. "It's an abused substance, and there are concerns about the misuse of ketamine that is taken at home," says Krystal, adding that patients with bipolar disorder need to be carefully managed due to the risk of mania.

A Mother's Motivation "The first Healix Immersion Program came together as a result of India talking about her experiences in the cult," says Oxenberg (with her daughter in 2020).

PHYLICIA J. L. MUNN

Murdered *by a* Serial Killer

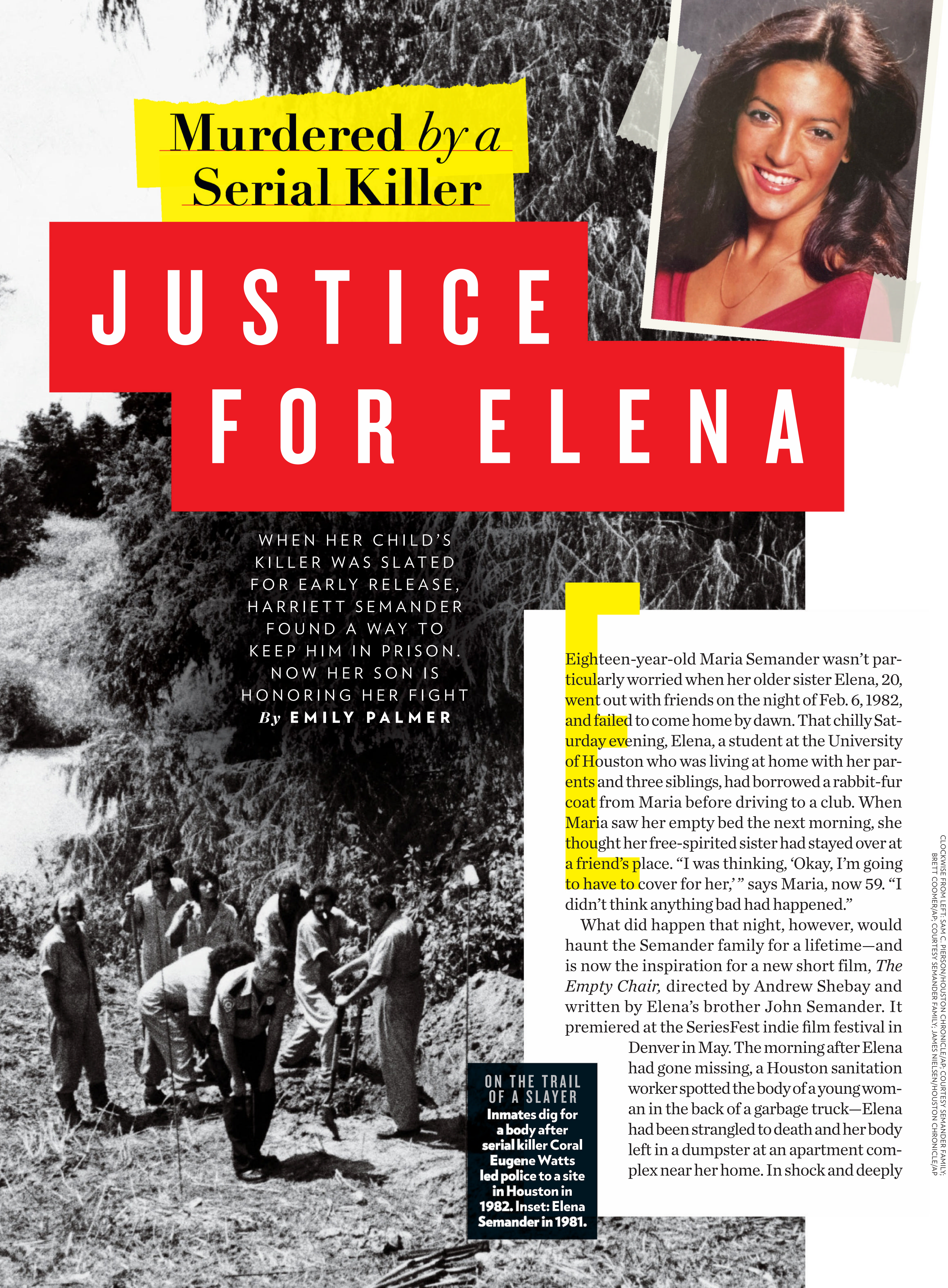
JUSTICE FOR ELENA

WHEN HER CHILD'S KILLER WAS SLATED FOR EARLY RELEASE, HARRIETT SEMANDER FOUND A WAY TO KEEP HIM IN PRISON. NOW HER SON IS HONORING HER FIGHT

By **EMILY PALMER**

Eighteen-year-old Maria Semander wasn't particularly worried when her older sister Elena, 20, went out with friends on the night of Feb. 6, 1982, and failed to come home by dawn. That chilly Saturday evening, Elena, a student at the University of Houston who was living at home with her parents and three siblings, had borrowed a rabbit-fur coat from Maria before driving to a club. When Maria saw her empty bed the next morning, she thought her free-spirited sister had stayed over at a friend's place. "I was thinking, 'Okay, I'm going to have to cover for her,'" says Maria, now 59. "I didn't think anything bad had happened."

What did happen that night, however, would haunt the Semander family for a lifetime—and is now the inspiration for a new short film, *The Empty Chair,* directed by Andrew Shebay and written by Elena's brother John Semander. It premiered at the SeriesFest indie film festival in Denver in May. The morning after Elena had gone missing, a Houston sanitation worker spotted the body of a young woman in the back of a garbage truck—Elena had been strangled to death and her body left in a dumpster at an apartment complex near her home. In shock and deeply



ON THE TRAIL OF A SLAYER

Inmates dig for a body after serial killer Coral Eugene Watts led police to a site in Houston in 1982. Inset: Elena Semander in 1981.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: SAM C. PIERSON/HOUSTON CHRONICLE/AP; COURTESY SEMANDER FAMILY; BRETT COOMER/AP; COURTESY SEMANDER FAMILY; JAMES NIELSEN/HOUSTON CHRONICLE/AP

grieving, the Greek American Semanders—high school math teacher Zack, then 52, school registrar Harriett, 48, and their children Maria, JoAnna, 15, and John, 12—found some relief when, just over three months later, 28-year-old Coral Eugene Watts was arrested after attempting to drown two women in a bathtub. Watts, now thought to be one of the deadliest serial killers in U.S. history, confessed to police that he had murdered 12 women in Texas, including Elena Semander, and one woman in Michigan. But just as it seemed that justice would be served, the Semanders were horrified to learn that prosecutors had struck a highly unusual deal with Watts: He was guaranteed immunity from further prosecution for pleading guilty to aggravated burglary charges and for helping police to recover the bodies of three women he had killed.

As a result, Watts never faced charges for murdering Elena, and he would soon use loopholes in Texas law to have his 60- year sentence reduced to just 24 years for good behavior and qualify for mandatory early release in 2006.

THE KILLER

Coral Eugene Watts (in Texas in 2004) is known to have killed 15 women and is suspected of having dozens of other victims.

Outraged, the Semander family launched a decades-long quest to keep Elena's killer behind bars, attending parole hearings, protesting outside prisons and meeting with lawmakers in a successful effort to rewrite Texas's mandatory early release law. "It was a tremendous help in healing and going through the grief process," says Harriett, now 90, who led the effort.

'GOD WANTS US TO FIND A PURPOSE IN OUR PAIN. MY MOM DEFINITELY FOUND HER PURPOSE'

—ELENA'S BROTHER JOHN SEMANDER

"The research my mom was doing, everything she was learning, the interviews with the press—she was really just obsessed," says John, 54, who fictionalized the family's emotional struggle and drive to move on while honoring the memory of his lost sister in *The Empty Chair*. "My mom would get on the phone with an investigator and transition from sweet Greek mom to just crusader against the criminal-justice system."

Harriett's search for answers began on the morning of Elena's disappearance, when she attended the family's Greek Orthodox church and, she remembers, prayed: "Lord, You know where Elena is. Show me." But it would take her years of questioning her faith to accept that her prayer had actually been answered later the day when Elena's body had been found. "In the end, I couldn't imagine anything worse than never knowing what had happened to my firstborn child," she says.

Harriett joined Parents of Murdered Children and became an advocate for the rights of victims. In 2002, the 20th anniversary of Watts's arrest, she organized a "Call to Action" with victims' families at her church to protest his pending release. The meeting drew national media coverage—and caught the attention of authorities in Michigan, where Watts had lived before moving to Texas in the early 1980s. In 2004 investigators in Detroit and Kalamazoo reopened a pair of cold cases and soon named Watts as a suspect in the murders of two women. He was tried and convicted with Elena's family watching in the courtroom, and sentenced to prison for the rest of his life.

Harriett found peace at last when Watts died of cancer in prison in 2007. Says her daughter JoAnna Nicolaou, 57: "Her first words were, 'I have my life back.'" Zack died of lung cancer in 1999, but Harriett has kept her daughter's belongings in a cedar chest. Recently the family gathered around the chest to help John write the script for the new movie by sharing stories about their past. "I made this film to bring hope to other families," says John. "In spite of the pain and sorrow we went through, I think my mom is quite the role model when it comes to making something good happen out of something bad. And we Greeks have a saying when we lose a loved one: 'May their memory be eternal.' So this is a way we can keep Elena's memory eternal."

With reporting by KRISTEN O'BRIEN

FIGHTING FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

JoAnna Nicolaou (left, wearing ribbon) shared memories of her slain older sister Elena Semander with attendees of a Call to Action meeting in Houston in 2002. Right: Harriett Semander (with son John in Houston in June) "was the one who brought national attention to the case," says John. Adds Nicolaou: "She said, 'We're gonna blitz the news until something happens.'"

Fashion Repurposed King knew putting Carrie back in her wedding dress would be "huge" for fans.

Sex, Style & Surprises

AND JUST LIKE THAT... IS BACK!

THE STARS OF THE *SEX AND THE CITY* REVIVAL DISH ABOUT THE NEW FRIENDS, FAMILIAR FACES AND GLAM LOOKS THAT AWAIT CARRIE, CHARLOTTE AND MIRANDA WHEN SEASON 2 PREMIERES JUNE 22 ON MAX

By **DANA ROSE FALCONE**

1 / *Sex and the City* style returns in a big way

Early in the new season, Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker) revisits the Vivienne Westwood wedding dress and headpiece she wore when Mr. Big (Chris Noth) left her at the altar in the 2008 movie and puts them on for a fictional Met Gala with the theme of Veiled Beauty. "Thank goodness it fit," says Parker, 58. "[We wanted to] give it a new life and change the poetry that surrounded that dress from a lot of really painful but important memories that I don't think Carrie really wanted to let go of." The gown also gets a cape this time around. Notes director and writer Michael Patrick King: "It's not the same moment, but it's adorned." Watch for *SATC* staples like nameplate necklaces, Fendi Baguettes and Birkin bags to pop up too.

2 / Most of the ladies are dating again

Carrie continues navigating her romantic life after Big's death with help from fellow ready-to-mingle pals Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Seema (Sarita Choudhury) and Nya (Karen Pittman), who finds herself without husband Andre (LeRoy McClain) for the first time since the '90s. "We hit the nail on the head of her awkwardness as a woman coming out of a long-term relationship and exploring singlehood," says Pittman. "The season is about new beginnings." Kristin Davis, who plays Charlotte, says the new episodes also feel like a return to form: "There's all these different storylines—more like we used to do—and then we come together. Certain things were freer this year."

3 / Conversations about sex aren't just for brunch anymore

As the mom of teenagers Lily (Cathy Ang) and Rock (Alexa Swinton), Charlotte will have to have some honest discussions and debates about sex and gender roles—and about being called a MILF alongside Lisa (Nicole Ari Parker). "We're exploring who Charlotte is now with so many changes," says King, 68. Davis, 58, adds, "All of us are aging together and going through these phases. I think it's tremendously important to be able to see women go through all these phases of life. It's a way to talk about it and connect."

4 / There's still plenty of action between the sheets

Charlotte encounters a challenge in the bedroom with husband Harry (Evan Handler) that comes with aging. King says he wanted to "put as many obstacles in front of Charlotte as we always have." From toys to threesomes, the new season features the frank, often unexpect-

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Just Like Always

"They're picking up men, they're drinking Cosmos—it's very much a throwback to the *Sex and the City* chapter," says Pittman (left, with Parker and Choudhury).

ed sex scenes that the original series piloted. "It's the joy of going to Sarita and saying, 'Seema is going to have to deal with a penis pump,' and to watch Sarita go, 'What now?' " King says. "The other ladies, they've been down the penis dysfunction road before."

5 / Aidan makes a major comeback

"When I knew we were going to do season 2, the first thought I had for Carrie was the word 'Aidan,' " King says of the return of John Corbett's character, Carrie's former furniture-designer fiancé. "The show is about growing, discovering who you are at every age. Carrie's lost the love of her life. As we said famously on the series, you have two great loves: This is the other. I found it hard to believe that Aidan wouldn't pop into Carrie's mind, so I wrote that. It brings back a loaded situation when they see each other after 14 years, but they haven't been in a relationship for 23. It's not the same, because they're not the same. It's a new story." ●

> 'Carrie is able to find a spot in her body for grief and also pursue joy'
>
> —SARAH JESSICA PARKER

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: EVERETT; CRAIG BLANKENHORN/MAX(4)

Samantha's Brief Appearance

After stating she didn't want to reprise Samantha Jones, Kim Cattrall does just that—for one scene. "Some sort of universal magic shifted, and all of a sudden Kim was like, 'All right, I'll make a stop-by,'" King says. "It's nostalgic and emotional because, in my mind, they've been talking all the time."

The Latest on Their Love Lives

Carrie and Aidan

Parker says she felt "really comfortable and happy" about Aidan coming back into Carrie's life in the second half of the season.

Miranda and Che

Miranda continues exploring her sexuality in Los Angeles, where Che Diaz (Sara Ramirez) begins filming a sitcom.

Harry and Charlotte

Davis says "the essence" of Charlotte "is certainly the same" as ever, but she continues to learn and grow with husband Harry by her side.

’70s TEEN IDOL SHAUN CASSIDY RETURNS

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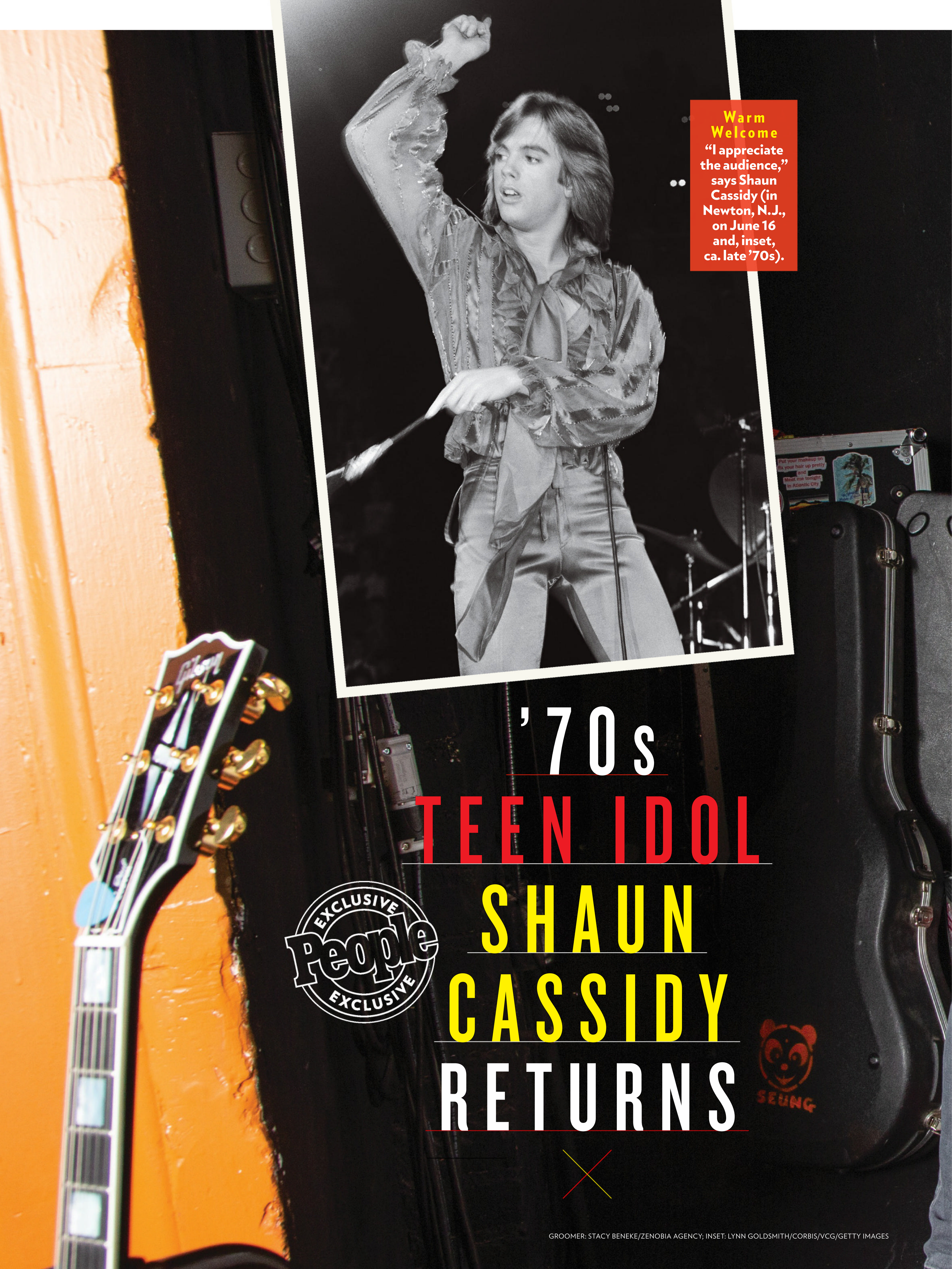
Gibson
Put your makeup on fix your hair up pretty and Meet me tonight in Atlantic City
SEUNG

Warm Welcome “I appreciate the audience,” says Shaun Cassidy (in Newton, N.J., on June 16 and, inset, ca. late ’70s).

GROOMER: STACY BENEKE/ZENOBIA AGENCY; INSET: LYNN GOLDSMITH/CORBIS/VCG/GETTY IMAGES

‘I NEVER THOUGHT I’D DO *THIS* AGAIN’

HE SKYROCKETED TO SUPERSTARDOM AT 19 WITH CHART-TOPPING BOPS AND SWOONING FANS—THEN WALKED AWAY TO PRODUCE HIT TV. NOW HE’S BACK ONSTAGE, SHARING SONGS, SECRETS AND STORIES OF FAMILY AND FAME: ‘I MISSED THE CONNECTION’

By **ALICIA DENNIS**

Photographs by
SPENCER HEYFRON

Flashes from cell phone cameras light up the dusk outside the historic Newton Theatre in the New Jersey hamlet on a recent Friday night. People are taking selfies and group shots, instructing giggling, squealing pals to “get in a little closer.” Many have been fans since the ’70s and wear tees featuring a beaming teenage boy in a halo of light surrounded by purple stars, his long hair curling over his collar, with the words “Shaun Cassidy” written in retro letters. Other shirts proclaim “It’s a Shaun Thing, You Wouldn’t Understand.” A steel barricade separates the growing crowd from a side entrance. “Is he back there?” a woman asks a security guard. She responds to his affirmative nod with delighted

Close Bond
"I can't hear her sing anything from *The Music Man* without tearing up," says Shaun of mom Shirley Jones (left, on his second birthday, in 1960, and right, at the 2019 Tony Awards).

screams and turns to a friend and says, "I just can't wait to see him again."

As it turns out, the feeling is mutual. After more than four decades away from the fans who helped catapult him to singing sensation and TV superstar in the late '70s—and also got a little carried away climbing on his car, pulling out chunks of his hair and chasing him out of Dodger Stadium during the 1977 World Series—Shaun Cassidy, 64, is back on the music stage. His new self-penned show "The Magic of a Midnight Sky," which arrives at New York City's 54 Below club on June 21 for a sold-out five-night run, offers an intimate look into his family life, including growing up with his mom, Oscar-winning actress Shirley Jones, 89; his dad, Tony-winning actor Jack Cassidy (who died in an apartment fire in 1976); and his half brother and fellow teen idol David of *The Partridge Family* fame. (David died of liver failure in 2017 at age 67.)

"I missed that connection because I'd been hiding out behind a desk or in my house, trying not to be a celebrity, not to look like the kid I had been," says Shaun. "And I realized I was denying myself not only an important part of who I am but a connection with this audience and an experience that was really left unfinished."

Shaun stepped back from his pop career in 1980, and while performing with David in a Broadway production of *Blood Brothers* in 1993, he created and wrote his first television pilot, *American Gothic*. Since then he's worked behind the scenes as a creator, writer and producer in TV. His credits include *Roar* (starring a young Heath Ledger), *Invasion, Cold Case* and, most recently, *New Amsterdam,* which ran for five seasons on NBC. Now he's telling his story through songs and memories. "It's about a shared experience," Shaun says, "and the healing magic that offers."

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Show business was the Cassidy family norm for Shaun, who as a kid often wrote songs while banging away on neighbor Rosemary Clooney's piano as her kids played basketball with their cousin George Clooney. When Shaun wasn't writing music, he was working on his magic show—"I was Cassidini," he says with a wry smile—and performing at neighborhood birthday parties, including one for a 5-year-old Jennifer Aniston.

A twist of fate—and casting—landed his mom on the popular 1970-74 TV series *The Partridge Family,* playing the mother of her stepson David. The show turned then-20-year-old David into an international teen idol. By the time Shaun signed his own record deal at age 16, he had a solid grasp of celebrity. "Pop star? Short shelf life," says Shaun. "And I'd seen the ups and downs my parents went through as performers."

In 1977 he released his self-titled debut album, which went multiplatinum with the No. 1 single "Da Doo Ron Ron." That same year he began a three-season run opposite Parker Stevenson on *The Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mysteries*. In 1980 he told a crowd of some 55,000 at the now-defunct Houston Astrodome he'd "see them soon," and then he hung up his satin pants and microphone. "I'm objective about it now," he says. "I asked the question, 'How did that kid survive that experience?' I'm still trying to figure it out. But I do think going away from it saved it for me. To step back [in] on my own terms is extraordinary."

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Shaun's first *People* cover story (May 1978) explored some of his fans' obsessive antics. In 1993 he and David talked about appearing together on Broadway in *Blood Brothers.*

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Back in Newton, Shaun's voice fills the theater with Broadway classics his parents once sang, as well as his beloved hits and new material. Suddenly a woman leaves her seat and rushes to the stage, handing a black bra to Shaun as the audience screams approval. "Hmm," he says, placing the

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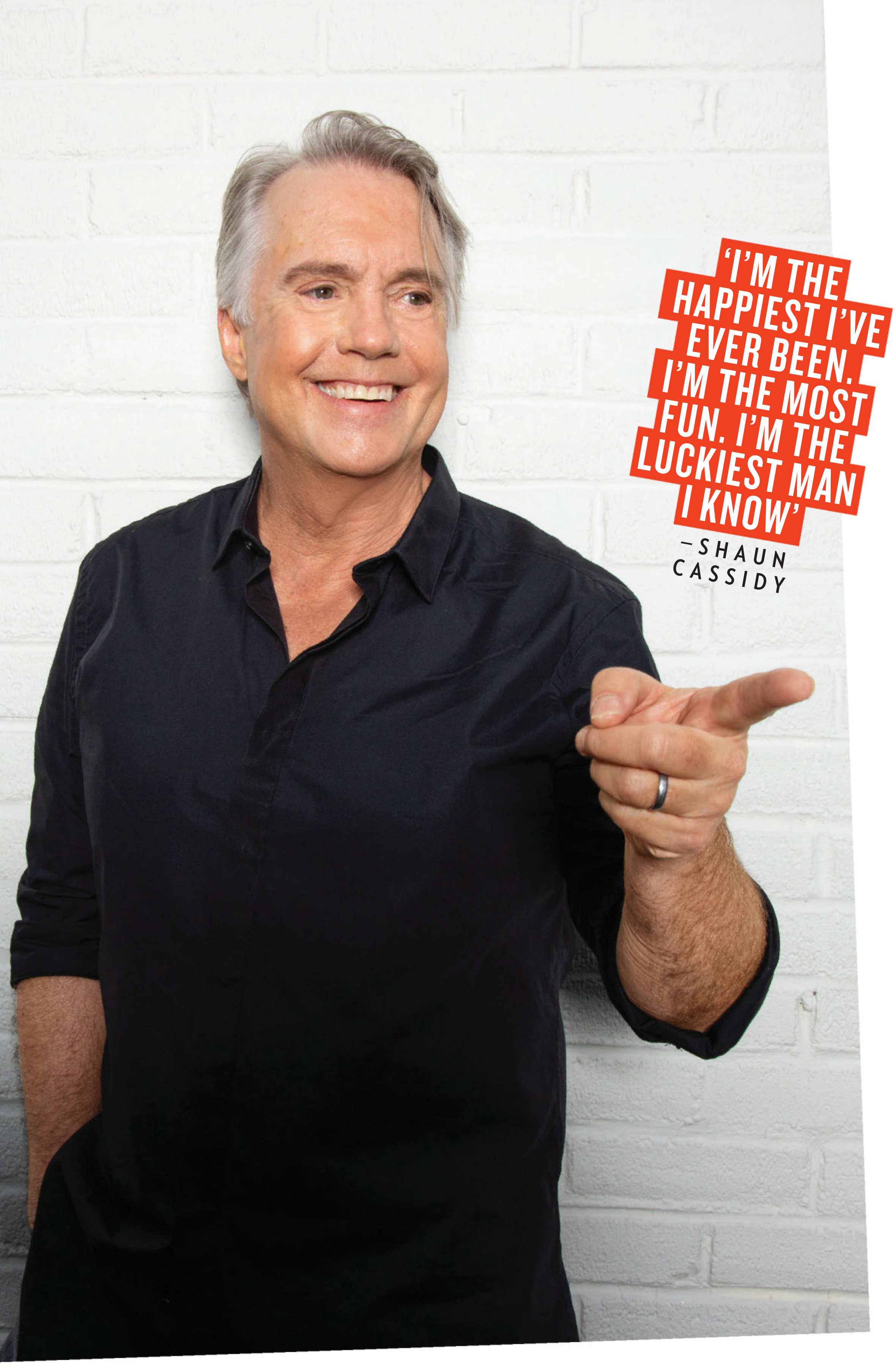


'I'M THE HAPPIEST I'VE EVER BEEN. I'M THE MOST FUN. I'M THE LUCKIEST MAN I KNOW'

–SHAUN CASSIDY

Stylish Sleuths

Shaun (right) and Parker Stevenson played brothers on *The Hardy Boys/ Nancy Drew Mysteries* from 1977 to 1979.

Team *New Amsterdam*

Tyler Labine, Kate Cobb, Shaun, Joe Carroll and Allison Liddi-Brown worked on the NBC medical drama that ran from 2018 to 2023.

undergarment beneath his jacket and then later on the side of the piano. "That kind of thing doesn't happen *all* the time," says his nephew Cole Cassidy, who plays lead guitar in Shaun's new show. "But playing music with him is a great experience and really so fun."

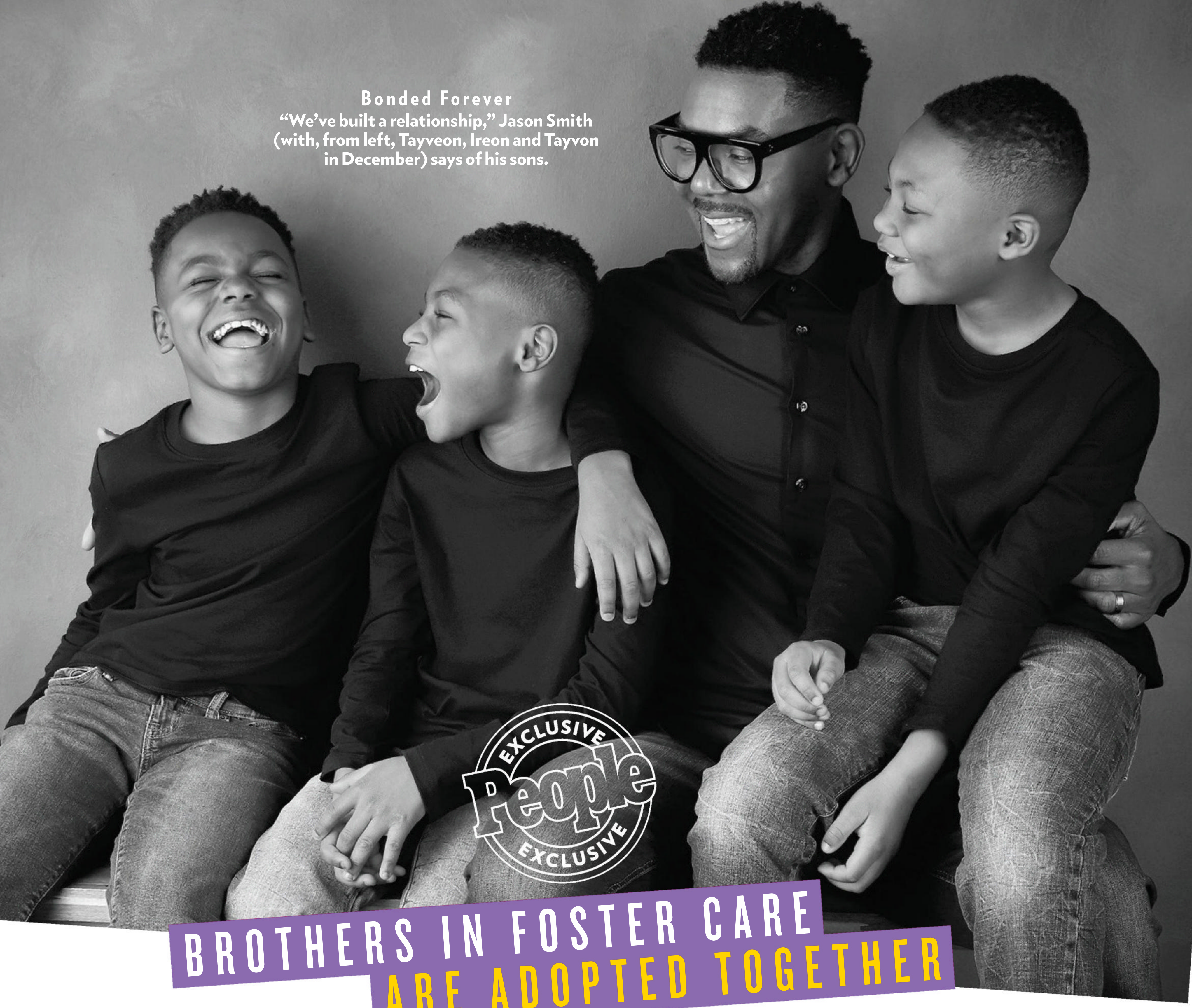
The love Shaun's fans still have for him has been somewhat confusing for his seven kids—aged 42 to 11—especially the ones still living at the Santa Barbara-area home he shares with his wife, Tracey, and two dogs, two cats, two horses, two pigs, a rabbit and a tortoise. Though episodes of *The Hardy Boys* are streaming on Peacock, his kids "have better things to do," he says.

Shaun talks to his mom, Shirley, often; she's seen his autobiographical new show, which includes stories about both of his parents. "My father was the most complicated human being I've ever known," he says. (Jack and Shirley divorced in 1974.) "The most exceptional human being, and probably the most flawed. I have great things from him . . . but I am alive because of my mom." He says he thinks about David every day: "They're all there with me."

Going back and looking at it all again has been profoundly healing. "For 30 years I've been avoiding telling my own story," he says. "I've written about myself and my family in every show I've ever worked on, but I've disguised them. Working on this opened a door to actually talk directly about myself and my family, and it's been really illuminating and freeing." ●

Family Joy

"I'm in a great marriage; I have a great family," says Shaun (with, from left, daughter Lila, son Roan, daughter Mairin, mom Shirley, wife Tracey and son Caleb in 2022). "I know I learn as much from my children as I hope they learn from me."



Bonded Forever
"We've built a relationship," Jason Smith (with, from left, Tayveon, Ireon and Tayvon in December) says of his sons.

BROTHERS IN FOSTER CARE ARE ADOPTED TOGETHER

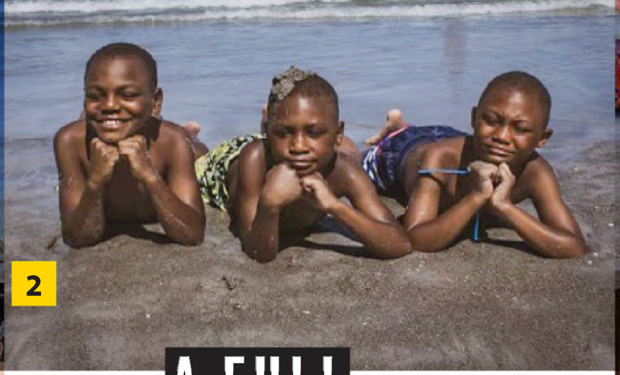
'We Get to Have a

WHILE JASON SMITH DREAMED OF BEING A FATHER, THREE BROTHERS LONGED TO BE ADOPTED. NOW BOTH WISHES HAVE COME TRUE

By JOANNE FOWLER

On a recent morning Jason Smith shook off early-morning sleepiness and tried to process a stunning scene in the living room. His three sons—Tayveon, 11, Ireon, 10, and Tayvon, 9—had not only dressed themselves for school, eaten breakfast and brushed their teeth, but they were also patiently waiting for the bus, all by 7 a.m. "I couldn't believe it," says Smith. "It was a moment when I felt like we are truly a family."

Just one year earlier, family was a concept about which Smith, 45, had only dreamed. A lifelong bachelor and avid fitness buff, he lived alone in Las Vegas and worked long hours as a human resources executive for Caesars Entertainment. After his father, John Miller Smith, died in 2021, he worried that his family's legacy would end. Determined to become a dad himself, Smith began considering adoption from foster care. Nearly 120,000 U.S. children are in need of a permanent home, and about two-thirds also have



A FULL LIFE

1. “We slowly integrated our lives,” says Smith (with his kids outside church on Easter Sunday).

2. The boys (from left, Tayveon, Ireon and Tayvon in Florida in May 2022) target Smith with “tickle wars all the time,” he says.

3. “I think back on my childhood to guide me as a dad,” says Smith (with the boys in December 2022).

4. “After I met them, I said, ‘They’re adorable,’” says Smith (at their adoption hearing in January).

5. “People think they’re my biological kids,” says the doting dad (at a family baseball outing in April).

siblings in foster care. For adoptive parents, “two children usually feel manageable,” says Bridget Chiaruttini, executive director of Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange. (Chiaruttini is not involved in Smith’s case.) “Larger sibling groups typically wait longer.”

Such was the case for Tayveon, Ireon and Tayvon, who had been living in their fifth foster care home in Las Vegas when they were featured in a *People* story last year about six groups of siblings who needed forever homes. Weeks after the story was published, Smith perused an adoption website and was struck by a photo of the trio. “I was like, ‘Wow, look at these handsome gents,’” he says.

The rest happened fast. The boys’ social worker interviewed Smith extensively and suggested they all meet at McDonald’s. “Let’s make sure they like you,” Smith recalls her saying. A playdate and then a sleepover followed. “It just took off,” he says. By late April the trio had moved into Smith’s home, and nine months later they officially became his sons in a Nevada courtroom, cheered on by 30 friends in person and 30 more watching online. “The judge was blown away,” says Smith. “She said she had never seen anything like that before.”

Family’

After a few bumpy weeks adjusting to a new school and friends, the boys began thriving. Now they’re making good grades, attending a Boys & Girls Club summer camp and savoring the stability they had longed for. “We’re living a normal life here,” says Tayveon, the oldest, who has been learning how to cook, clean and do his own laundry. “This home is great.” Adds Ireon: “We get to have a family, and we don’t have to go to another house again and again and again.” The best part? “Being able to talk, help and love each other,” he says.

The family often attend church, grab a bite at Chili’s or go skateboarding or hiking. Once a month they make plans with the boys’ two younger sisters, Tayonna, 7, and Sha’kyia, 4, who had lived with their brothers until they were adopted by a Nevada couple in 2022. “We make sure they see each other,” says Smith, who recently invited the sisters to a joint birthday party for Ireon and Tayvon at a trampoline park. “They love to be around their brothers,” says the sisters’ adoptive mother, Margurite Paschal. “They talk about them a lot.”

After losing his mother at 10, Smith draws upon his lessons in grief to understand the boys’ tough past and assure them he’ll always be there. “Tayveon doesn’t understand that I got this. He can relax,” Smith says of his oldest son, who assumed a caregiver role most of his life. “I’m trying to groom his bossiness, so that quality can help him in life. He’s brave and not afraid to share his ideas.”

To Smith’s surprise, the blended family have had few setbacks in their first year together. “Foster care training prepares you for the worst, but I haven’t experienced any of that,” says Smith, who recently bought a bigger house with more space for the brothers. “It’s just been seamless. The boys have been amazing and have brought purpose and meaning to my life. I wouldn’t trade it for anything in the world. It’s like God wanted us to be together.”

Reconnected

Though the brothers’ two sisters, Sha’kyia (left) and Tayonna (right), were adopted by another family, the siblings now see one another often.

For information on adoption, visit **adoptuskids.org.**

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KIM PETRAS IS BREAKING THE MOLD

THE POP STAR IS DISRUPTING THE MUSIC INDUSTRY—AND REFUSES TO BE DEFINED BY HER TRANSGENDER IDENTITY

By **JEFF NELSON**

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HAIR: IGGY ROSALES; MAKEUP: GILBERT SOLIZ; STYLIST: SHAUGNASSY CHOW

On Top of the World

"My persona is this brat who gets whatever she wants, but I've worked extremely hard, and I'm proud of that," says Petras (in L.A. on June 4).

As Kim Petras took the stage at the Grammys in February, she knew she was making history. "I was so nervous. I was *freaking* out," the singer recalls. But before she and Sam Smith sang their deliciously deviant hit "Unholy"—which earned the duo a trophy, making them the first openly trans and nonbinary artists, respectively, to win for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance—Petras got some encouragement from Madonna, who introduced the pair. "After her speech, she turned around and mouthed to me, 'Go get it, bitch,'" says Petras, 30. "That made me feel like, *I got this.*"

The Queen of Pop's support marked a metaphorical passing of the torch to Petra, who has hustled relentlessly to fulfill her pop-star dreams, displaying a penchant for songwriting while fighting transphobia and blazing her own singular trail. Now with her major-label debut, *Feed the Beast* (out June 23), she's ready to take her seat alongside the music royalty she grew up idolizing. "My purpose is to be an artist. I just so happen to be transgender, but that's not all that I am," she says. "It's been a nonstop mission since I was 12 years old to do this, but I feel like I'm just beginning."

"Unholy"—which topped the charts last fall—marked a turning point for Petras. Not only was it her biggest hit to date, but it also offered her a much-needed boost. Before the duet dropped in September, "I was struggling to get anyone to release my music," says Petras, who felt stalled after her label Republic Records shelved another album she'd completed. "It was a really s----y situation that then led to the biggest moment I've had in my career. I'm so happy I clawed my way back."

No Limits
"I was going for the biggest pop songs I could possibly make," Petras (on June 9) says of her *Feed the Beast* LP.

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Petras has approached life with that same tenacity since she was young. Born in Cologne, Germany, and raised in the countryside by her parents, Lutz, an architect, and Konni, a choreographer, Petras was assigned male at birth but "always" knew she identified as female. "I had to pretend to be another person—go by my boy name, wear boys' clothes. My family was supportive, but there were definitely moments where I was challenged," says Petras, who struggled with suicidal ideation before transitioning at age 16. "I'm very proud that I always knew myself. And I'm just lucky that I had parents that didn't kick me out."

Bullied as a kid, she found solace in music. "I always had a strong connection to pop stars, and I felt like those were my friends," says Petras, who—inspired by Britney Spears, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga and, of course, Madonna—began writing songs in

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Kim's A-List Friends & Fans

Paris Hilton
Hilton (on June 7) appeared in Petras's "I Don't Want It at All" video, and Petras sang at Hilton's wedding in 2021.

Sam Smith
"Sam's been a supporter from the start," Petras says of "Unholy" duet partner Smith (in September).

Nicki Minaj
Featuring Minaj on her single "Alone" felt like "a true stamp of approval" from the rapper, says Petras.

Madonna
Petras first met Madonna after performing on *Saturday Night Live* (above, in January): "I was talking her ear off."

her bedroom before selling her first jingle as a teen. At 19, she moved to the U.S. to pursue music full-time. “I came here by myself, had around 500 euros and stayed illegally for two years” before getting a visa, says Petras, who booked songwriting sessions with any producer who would work with her. She eventually scored a publishing contract, launched her own label and found streaming success with her 2017 single “I Don’t Want It at All.” “I look up to creatives who are really authentic and carve out their own lane and are unafraid,” she says. “That’s what I try to be.”

For years Petras was told by industry execs that she’d never make it as a mainstream artist because she’s trans. But in 2021 she signed a deal with Republic Records, home to stars like Ariana Grande and the Weeknd. “It took awhile to find the right people who really get what I’m trying to do, but finding a label that supports me was crucial,” Petras says. But she continues to face hurdles most singers don’t: “I still feel people view me as a little bit of a test creature.”

Like many pop stars, Petras has skirted her share of controversy. She’s faced backlash for working with Dr. Luke, the music producer singer Kesha accused of sexual assault. (Luke denies the allegations; Kesha’s 2014 lawsuit was dismissed because of statute of limitations, and Luke’s defamation countersuit is ongoing.) “It breaks my heart, and it’s unfortunate,” Petras—who worked with Luke on seven of *Feed the Beast*’s 15 tracks—says of the situation, declining to comment further.

Petras also receives hate because of her gender identity, and she’s alarmed by political attacks on trans rights. “I’m just so tired of people trying to tell certain people what they can or can’t do with their bodies, how they can or can’t live,” she says. “Trans people are such a small percentage of the population. We just want to live, and it *is* a matter of life or death. It’s really scary, and we have to fight through this.”

But Petras doesn’t consider herself an activist. Rather, she hopes her advocacy shines through her artistry. “It is important that I show people that you are more than your gender. I have so many sides to me. That’s not all that makes me *me*,” she says. “For me, reaching equality is being able to be known as a great artist.”

To that end, *Feed the Beast* is a triumph that proves Petras is a master pop-music student, evoking everything from Britney’s bubblegum and Robyn’s crying-in-the-club catharsis to Katy’s humor and Madonna’s unabashed sexuality. “I’m really pushing myself to my limit. I’ve done this for a long time but never on this level,” she says. “I’ve never been this busy.”

While Petras is embracing the ride, she takes a day off when she can. Based in Los Angeles with her dogs Schnitzel, Karl and Tilda, Petras enjoys archery (“it’s fun and relaxing”)—and dipping her toes in the love game. “That is such a backseat priority for me right now,” she says. “I mean, I’m very happy, but I’ve got to go on a date every now and then to feel sane.”

Petras is happiest, though, when she’s working. “The stage is the only place where I really feel like I belong. I feel successful whenever I’m onstage selling out a venue, and that’s what I want to do forever . . . ” she says. “But the Grammy is nice to have too!” ●

‘I’m from the middle of nowhere. I always knew I had to carve my own way’

Her Biggest Year Yet

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SWIMSUIT 2023
Sports Illustrated
Kim Petras

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1. Appearing on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit issue in May “was huge,” Petras says. **2.** “I was looking at J.Lo and Jay-Z and Adele, and everyone was clapping,” she recalls of winning her Grammy in February.

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By **SONAL DUTT** *and* **SABRINA WEISS**

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BREAKFAST & BAKERY

These tester favorites will help kick-start your family's day

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Best Cereal

Kellogg's Special K Oat Crunch Honey

Testers praised the "sweet but not sugary" combo of crisp flakes and vanilla oat clusters. "It's even better over yogurt—or ice cream!" *$5*

Best Granola

Sweet Dreams Honey Moonglow Cereal

Made with nutrients said to promote melatonin production, it had one staffer raving that she "slept like a baby" after a nighttime bowl. *$4*

Best Breakfast Bowl

Eggland's Best Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Bowl

The hearty combo of scrambled eggs, potatoes, cheddar and pork sausage is ready in less than five minutes. *$5*

Best Pancake Mix

Mrs. Butterworth's Epic Cinnabon Pancake Kit

Created to taste like a cinnamon roll, the kit—which includes a pourable cream cheese frosting and cinnamon-and-brown-sugar swirl sauce—turns out fluffy, tender flapjacks. *$6*

Best Chocolate Cereal

Lucky Charms S'mores

"It tastes like childhood but with a twist," a tester said of this marshmallow mash-up with chocolate chunks and graham-cracker pieces. *$6*

Best Instant Oatmeal

Yishi Taro Bubble Tea Oatmeal

Although there's no actual boba, the blend of ground oats, flax seeds, coconut and black tea has a flavor reminiscent of Taiwanese bubble tea. *$7 for 6*

Best Bread

Sara Lee Artesano Brioche Buns

Described as "buttery clouds" by one staffer, the rolls have a pillowy texture but don't fall apart when holding a bacon, egg and cheese or a juicy burger. *$5 for 8*

Best Toaster Pastry

Frosted Banana Bread Pop-Tarts

With a spiced-banana filling, cinnamon pastry and banana-flavored icing, the "cozy" hand pie "smells just like the real thing when you heat it up," said one tester. *$4 for 8*

TEST KITCHEN TIP

Brioche Toppers

French onion soup is traditionally served with baguette slices, but brioche works well too. Place **half of a toasted bun,** cut side up, over the soup and sprinkle with **mozzarella** and **Gruyère cheeses.** Broil until the cheese is melted and lightly browned, 1 to 3 minutes.

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Best Seafood
Trader Joe's Shrimp Boom Bah
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Best Chicken
Do Good Chicken Bone-In Thighs
Staffers were pleasantly surprised by the "deeper, meatier and more chicken-y flavor" of these bone-in cuts. *$2 per lb.*

Best Turkey
Butterball Old World Smoked Hearty Turkey Sausage
Lean turkey is notorious for drying out, but the smoked bratwurst-style links stay moist and plump. *$5.50 for 4*

Best Pork
Hormel Sliced Chorizo
Take pepperoni up a notch! The thin rounds of cured Spanish sausage are seasoned with garlic, pimento and a hit of spicy peppers. *$4*

Best Hot Dog
Oscar Mayer 100% Beef Franks
The new Angus beef sausages impressed testers with "classic hot dog flavor" and casings that "didn't burst open on the grill." *$5 for 10*

SAUCES & DRESSINGS

A well-stocked condiment collection is one of the secrets to great-tasting food

Best Tomato Sauce
Carmine's Classic Italian Tomato Basil
The "well-balanced" sauce gets its subtle sweetness from fresh plum tomatoes and onions. *$8 for 24 oz.*

Best Mayonnaise
Hellmann's Garlic Aioli
This egg-free recipe "adds a nice kick of garlic" flavor to sandwiches and is a "delish dunker for french fries," says a tester. *$4 for 11.5 oz.*

Best Ranch
Hidden Valley Pickle-Flavored Ranch
"Dill-ightful!" raved a staffer about the creamy buttermilk dressing with a briny burst of dill pickle. *$5 for 20 oz.*

Best Ketchup
Heinz Chipotle Spicy Ketchup
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Best Plant-Based Beef

Beyond Meat Steak

"I expected to hate this, but wow—it had the texture, chew and flavor of real steak," a once-skeptical tester admitted about the seared tips. *$8*

Best Alternative Milk

So Delicious Extra Creamy Organic Oat Milk

The compliments rolled in: "Super thick and creamy," "Tastes luxurious," and "It's a cereal game changer!" *$6 for 59 oz.*

Best Dairy-Free Creamer

Silk Mocha Almond Creamer

"Finally, a chocolate creamer that tastes chocolatey!" a tester raved about the sweet almond-milk blend. *$5.50 for 32 oz.*

Best Plant-Based Chicken

Impossible Spicy Chicken Nuggets

"My nugget-obsessed kids had no clue it wasn't chicken," said a tester, who noted the bread-crumb coating "was a hit." *$9*

Best Dairy-Free Cream Cheese

Philadelphia Plant-Based Cream Cheese

It has all the tang and spreadable softness of the classic but without a drop of milk or cream. *$6.50*

Best Dairy-Free Ice Cream

GoodPop Mint n' Fudge Chip Bars

"Velvety" peppermint oat-milk ice cream is studded with thick fudge shavings—and is only 80 calories a pop. *$6 for 4*

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number of winners that cost less than $14 (yes, that's all of them!)

FRIDGE & FROZEN

Enjoy homemade flavor with warm-and-serve convenience

Best Entrée

Herdez Carnitas Slow-Cooked Pork

Marinated in citrus and seasoned with garlic and paprika, "it elevated our weekly taco night and was less work to pull together," said a staffer. *$10*

Best Frozen Pizza

California Pizza Kitchen Bacon & Caramelized Onion Frozen Pizza With Croissant-Inspired Crust

A flaky, layered base is smothered in a mild Brie-cheese sauce and topped with roasted garlic, mozzarella, bacon and browned onions. *$11*

Best Frozen Sandwich

Tyson Original Chicken Sandwiches

Testers were impressed with the "crispy coating and moist meat" and a bun that "didn't become soggy"—even in the microwave. *$9 for 4*

Best Frozen Meal

Bibigo Korean-Style Crunchy Chicken With Orange Sauce

Preparing the breaded chunks of white and dark chicken tossed in a tangy sauce is "faster than takeout." *$7.50*

Best Frozen Pretzel

Superpretzel French Onion-Filled Soft Pretzel Knots

The fully baked, glossy brown twists are stuffed with onion cream cheese and sprinkled with mozzarella. *$6 for 5*

Best Frozen Vegetables

Green Giant Restaurant-Style Garlic Parmesan Green Beans

Heat beans and sauce in a skillet for a few minutes for "quick veggies that even my kids ate," said a staffer. *$5*

Best Frozen Side Dish

Stouffer's Sides Cheddar Bacon Potatoes

"All the cheesy goodness I hoped for," a tester said about the chopped spuds topped with crunchy bread crumbs. *$7*

Best Frozen Smoothie

Outshine Go-Getter Smoothie Cubes

No blender needed! Combine the frozen fruit puree with liquid, let sit for 15 minutes, and then shake for a healthy, mess-free smoothie. *$7 for 8 oz.*

Best Dough

Pillsbury Corndog Wraps

Wrap the precut dough pieces around hot dogs, and bake until golden and fluffy. "We may never go back to the bun," said a staffer. *$4*

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DRINKS

Praise poured in for these superior sips

Best Lemonade

Fever-Tree Sparkling Sicilian Lemonade

Made from juice and oils extracted from fresh Sicilian citrus, it's "the lemonade of my dreams," a tester declared. *$5 for 4*

Best Iced Tea

Just Ice Tea Half Tea & Half Lemonade

"It's like summer in a bottle," raved one tester, who gave high marks for the "exact right balance" of tea to lemonade in this Arnold Palmer. *$3 for 16 oz.*

Best Juice

Ocean Spray Immunity Cranberry Blueberry Acai

The bright fruit flavors were a hit with testers, who said the refreshing combination hit the sweet spot. *$4 for 60 oz.*

Best Coconut Blend

Starbucks Pink Drink

There's a reason this once-secret menu item went viral. The blend of strawberry, acaí and coconut milk "tastes almost like a barista made it," said a staffer. *$4 for 14 oz.*

Best Coffee

Stōk Unsweet Espresso Blend Cold Brew

Deeply flavored, the dark, ready-to-drink brew is "strong and smooth" but "without any bitterness or unpleasant aftertaste," said a staffer. *$6 for 48 oz.*

Best Sparkling Water

Topo Chico Sabores Lime With Mint Extract

With a bubbly burst of lime and mint, it's "like sipping on a sophisticated mojito"—minus the rum, of course. *$4.50 for 4*

TEST KITCHEN TIP

Frozen Espresso Martinis

To make, pour **2½ cups cold brew** into an ice cube tray; freeze until solid. Process coffee cubes, **⅓ cup coffee liqueur, ⅓ cup vodka** and **1 tsp. vanilla extract** in a blender until smooth. Pour into 4 martini glasses, and garnish with **coffee beans.**

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Best Taco Kit

Old El Paso Tortilla Pockets Kit

"Fun to fill and even more fun to eat," a tester said about the soft, sealed tortilla "cones," which come with taco sauce and seasoning. *$7 for 12.4 oz.*

Best Tinned Seafood

Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Calabrian Chili-Infused Olive Oil

The delicate fish packed in spicy infused olive oil elevates sandwiches and salads. "I ate the whole can with a fork—it's that good!" *$3 for 5 oz.*

Best Macaroni and Cheese

Cabot Guinness Macaroni & Cheese

Testers gushed over the "gourmet beer cheese" and "accordion-like" pasta that "trapped" the sauce inside. *$5 for 11 oz.*

Best Soup

Zoup! Good, Really Good Spicy Chicken 'Chilada Soup

Hearty chicken stewed with tomatoes, roasted corn, black beans, onion, peppers and a touch of cream scored big points with testers. *$6*

Best Chili

Wendy's Chili

Cooked with ground beef, pinto beans and tomatoes, it has all the nostalgic flavor of a fast-food order—but without the drive-through. *$5*

Best Long Pasta

Barilla al Bronzo Bucatini

A thick spaghetti with a hollow center, it has a slightly rough, bumpy texture that allows more sauce to cling to the noodles. "It cooked up firm, chewy and al dente every time," said a staffer. *$3 for 12 oz.*

Best Beans

The Good Bean Indian Coconut Curry

Slow-simmered with coconut milk, ginger and garam masala, the chickpeas were "a busy weeknight savior," said a staffer. *$4*

Best Pasta Shape

Sfoglini Cascatelli by Sporkful

Designed for maximum "eat-ability," the half-tube shape cradles the sauce while the ruffles add a textured bite. *$5.50 for 16 oz.*

Best Brownie Mix

Betty Crocker Reese's Peanut Butter Premium Brownie Mix

"The bake sale went nuts," said a staffer, who complimented the "supremely fudgy" squares speckled with peanut butter chips." *$4*

TEST KITCHEN TIP

Brownie Sundae Cake

Preheat oven to 325°. Prepare **boxed brownie mix** per instructions, and pour into a greased 10-inch springform pan. Bake until center is firm and set, 28 to 32 minutes. Remove from oven, and cool completely in pan. Spread **softened ice cream** over cooled brownie base, and top with **sprinkles** or your favorite **sundae toppings**. Tap pan firmly on flat surface to remove air bubbles, and cover with plastic wrap. Freeze until ice cream is set, at least 1 hour or up to overnight.

SNACKS

Whether you need a midday nosh or a midnight munch, reach for these picks when a craving hits

Best Spicy Snack

Cheetos Flamin' Hot Tangy Chili Fusion

"I almost ate the whole bag in one night," a staffer said of the cheesy puffs amped up with garlic, ginger and citrus. *$5 for 8.5 oz.*

Best Potato Chips

Kettle Brand Air-Fried Sea Salt & Vinegar

With a puckering punch of vinegar, they have all the crunchy, salty satisfaction of kettle-fried chips but with less fat. *$5 for 6.5 oz.*

Best Cookies

Nonni's Limoncello Biscottini Bites

"Consider me a biscotti convert," one staffer said after eating the twice-baked, bite-size cookies drizzled with icing. *$4 for 4.8 oz.*

Best Candy

M&M's Caramel Cold Brew

Soft caramel is infused with a jolt of java, covered in a layer of chocolate and then coated in that familiar candy shell. *$1 for 1.41 oz.*

Best Crackers

Cheez-It Extra Toasty Cheddar Jack

Fans raved about the "extra crunchy" and "lightly charred" squares made with Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses. *$4 for 12.4 oz.*

Best Sweet Snack

Muddy Bites Chocolate Cone White Chocolate

They may be small, but the mini waffle cones filled with white chocolate scored big on flavor—and nostalgia! *$4 for 2.33 oz.*

Best Bark

Tate's Bake Shop Dark Chocolate With Sea Salt Cookie Bark

"I hid the bag so my kids wouldn't eat them all—and I'd do it again," confessed a tester, who loved the shards of crispy chocolate-chip cookies cloaked in chocolate. *$6 for 5 oz.*

Best Pretzels

Zapp's Sinfully Seasoned Voodoo Pretzel Stix

The "snappy" rods tossed in smoky Cajun seasoning earned a rare perfect rating from testers. "There's magic in there!" *$6 for 16 oz.*

Best Nuts

Blue Diamond Chilé 'n Lime Almonds

A blend of tart lime and a "light trace of heat" from arbol and pequin peppers made these roasted nuts a crowd favorite. *$4 for 6 oz.*

129

total testers; they hailed from 34 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico

Best Chocolate Bar

Ferrero Rocher Milk Chocolate Hazelnut Bar

Like the original gold-foil-wrapped truffles, the bar is studded with chopped nuts and filled with creamy chocolate. *$3 for 3.1 oz.*

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DAIRY

Like all great creams, these stellar products rose to the top

Best Cream Cheese

Tillamook Jalapeño Honey Cream Cheese

"It's just calling to be slathered all over a bagel," a tester said about the "sumptuous," spicy-sweet spread. ***$4 for 7 oz.***

Best Yogurt

Siggi's Ripe Cherry Rich and Creamy Skyr

The plump cherries in this thick and creamy Icelandic-style yogurt had one tester declare, "It's a must-have for every fridge." ***$2***

Best Cheese

Organic Valley Raw Sharp Cheddar Cheese Slices

Whether layered in a sandwich or melted on a burger, the aged slices got top scores for their buttery taste and texture. ***$7 for 6 oz.***

Best Butter

Kerrygold Chive & Onion Butter

Studded with garlic, onions, chives and parsley, this blend had one staffer asking, "How can I ever go back to normal butter now?" ***$5.50 for 5.3 oz.***

71

number of times the word "yum" appeared on testers' scoring sheets

FROZEN DESSERTS

From a candy classic to a regional favorite, these treats are too cool to miss

Best Frozen Yogurt

Noosa Out of This Swirl Lemon Bar Frozen Yoghurt Gelato

Lusciously tart and packed with chunks of baked lemon bars and ribbons of icing, the combo led one tester to dub it "the official pint of summer." ***$5.50 for 14 oz.***

Best Ice Cream

Blue Bunny Cookies & Cream Soft Scoopables

It got high marks for its "soft-serve-like texture" that made scooping easy—even right of out the freezer. ***$5 for 46 oz.***

Best Sorbet

Talenti Mini Alphonso Mango Sorbetto Bars

Made with ripe mangoes sourced from India, it "has so much juicy, tropical deliciousness," said a tester. ***$5.50 for 6***

Best Novelty Ice Cream

Reese's Peanut Butter Sandwich

A thick puck of peanut butter-flavored ice cream is mixed with more peanut butter and smashed between chocolate cookies. ***$4.50 for 4***

Best Cheesecake

Junior's Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake

The famous N.Y.C. restaurant's thaw-and-slice dessert "lives up to the hype," said a staffer, who praised the "smooth and tangy" filling sitting on a layer of sponge cake. ***$14 for 6 in.***

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Your Menopause Survival Kit

MENOPAUSE IS INEVITABLE—BUT WITH NEW OPTIONS TO HELP SYMPTOMS, SUFFERING ISN'T

By **EILEEN FINAN**

Each day about 6,000 U.S. women enter menopause—but for too long "they've been put on the back burner," says Dr. Mary Jane Minkin, Yale School of Medicine professor of obstetrics and gynecology. On average, women reach menopause at 51, so "they still have a lot of life to live."

A new wave of menopause-specific products and brands shows the marketplace is starting to pay attention. A decade ago Sally Mueller, now 59, began experiencing perimenopause, but the over-the-counter treatments she found "hadn't been reinvented in years," she says. So in 2021 she and a friend, Michelle Jacobs, launched Womaness, a line of discreet vibrators and sleekly packaged creams developed with doctors. "We wanted to inspire," Mueller says. Adds Jacobs, 51: "Menopause isn't a terminal illness. You have every right to feel good." There are many solutions, from hormone therapies and other prescription treatments that "can help just about everybody," Dr. Minkin says, to over-the-counter options like the ones on these pages. Says Dr. Minkin: "It isn't our lot in life to suffer through this."

Womaness founders Michelle Jacobs and Sally Mueller

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Cleanse Gently

Menopausal skin can be dry but still acne-prone. This foaming cleanser can add moisture but will not trigger breakouts, says Dr. Marchbein.

La Roche-Posay Gentle Foaming Moisturizing Wash, $19; ulta.com

Soothe Vaginal Dryness

This moisturizer "feels so good you can use it all over," Jacobs says. (For décolleté, this serum, with algae for skin tightening, gets rave reviews.)

Womaness Coco Bliss vaginal moisturizer, $20; Let's Neck serum, $29; womaness.com

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Sip an Herbal Tea

"There's data on pure black cohosh that shows relief from hot flashes," says Yale School of Medicine ob-gyn Dr. Mary Jane Minkin. She recommends this European brand because herbal products are well regulated in Europe.

Remifemin, $25; amazon.com

Keep a Cool Head

Disturbed sleep is one of the most common menopause symptoms, and hot flashes are often the culprit. A cooling pillow could help soothe.

UltraCool Pillow, from $69; slumbercloud.com

Boost Desire

Vibrators can help stimulate blood flow to the genitals, which can improve lagging libido during menopause.

Gold Vibes vibrator, $28; womaness.com

Hot Tip

Keep extra pj's next to your bed: "If you get up sweaty, you can put on a dry nightgown and get some rest," Dr. Minkin says.

Upgrade Your PJ's

Several pajama brands now offer menopause-specific options featuring cooling fabrics that are quick-drying and keep moisture away from the skin.

Lusomé cami and short, $64 each; us.lusome.com

Fight Collagen Loss

This serum has collagen-building peptides and "soy isoflavonoids that can have estrogen-mimicking effects," says Dr. Marchbein, who calls No7 one of the best budget brands for menopausal skin. She also loves their spray for a quick cooling effect.

No7 Instant Cooling Mist, $15; No7 Instant Radiance Serum, $33; target.com

Target Sweat-Prone Zones

Spray this cornstarch-based, lavender-scented powder directly to your overheated under-breast area.

Megababe Bust Dust, $16; ulta.com

Find Your Go-To Cream

In menopause, skin often dries out. CeraVe creams are "inexpensive and work beautifully," says Dr. Marchbein, who notes this can be used on your face and body.

CeraVe Moisturizing Cream, $16; target.com

Menopause by the Numbers

75%

Percentage of women who experience hot flashes

For most, the symptom lasts two years or less.

34+

Number of menopause symptoms

Lesser-known signs include brain fog and anxiety.

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Postmenopausal women worldwide by 2025

That will be 12 percent of the world's population.

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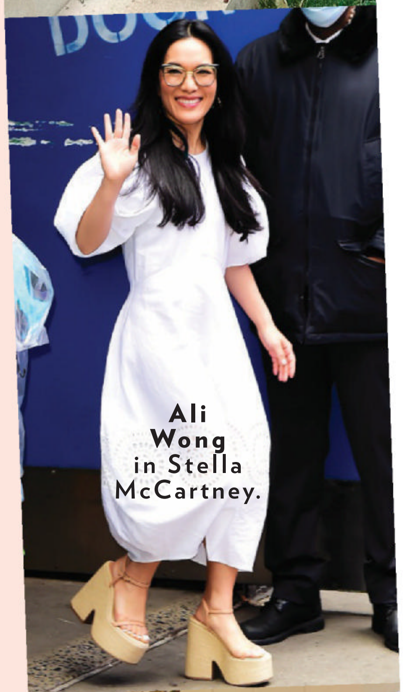
What to Wear Now

White Dresses

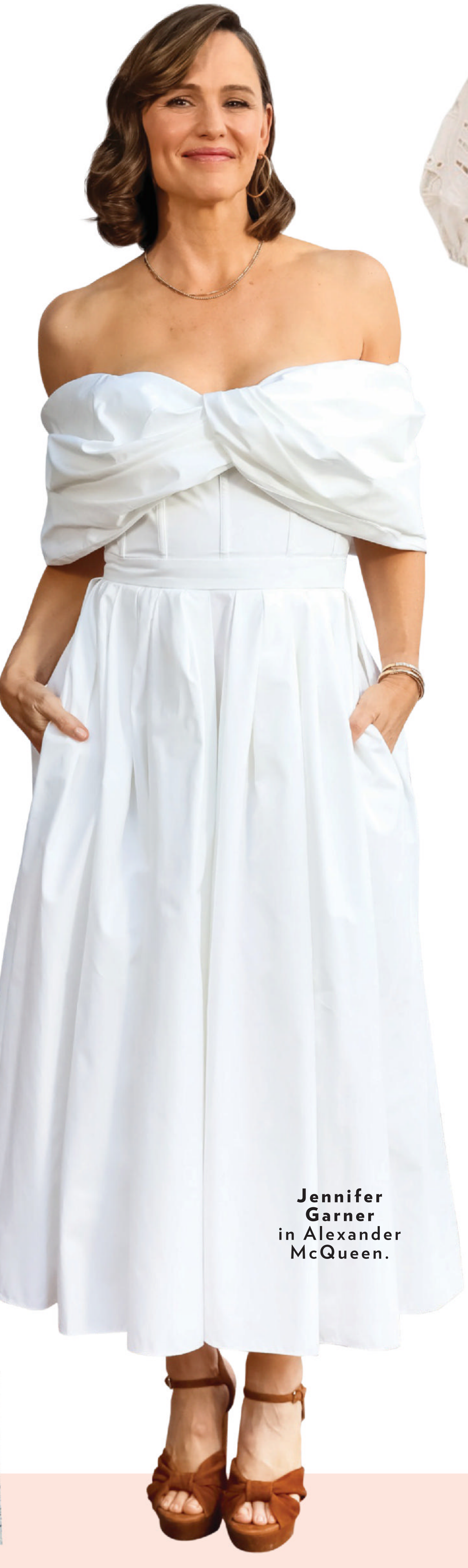
EYE-CATCHING DETAILS AND KEY ACCESSORIES UPDATE THE SUMMER STAPLE

Sofia Richie in a white T-shirt dress.



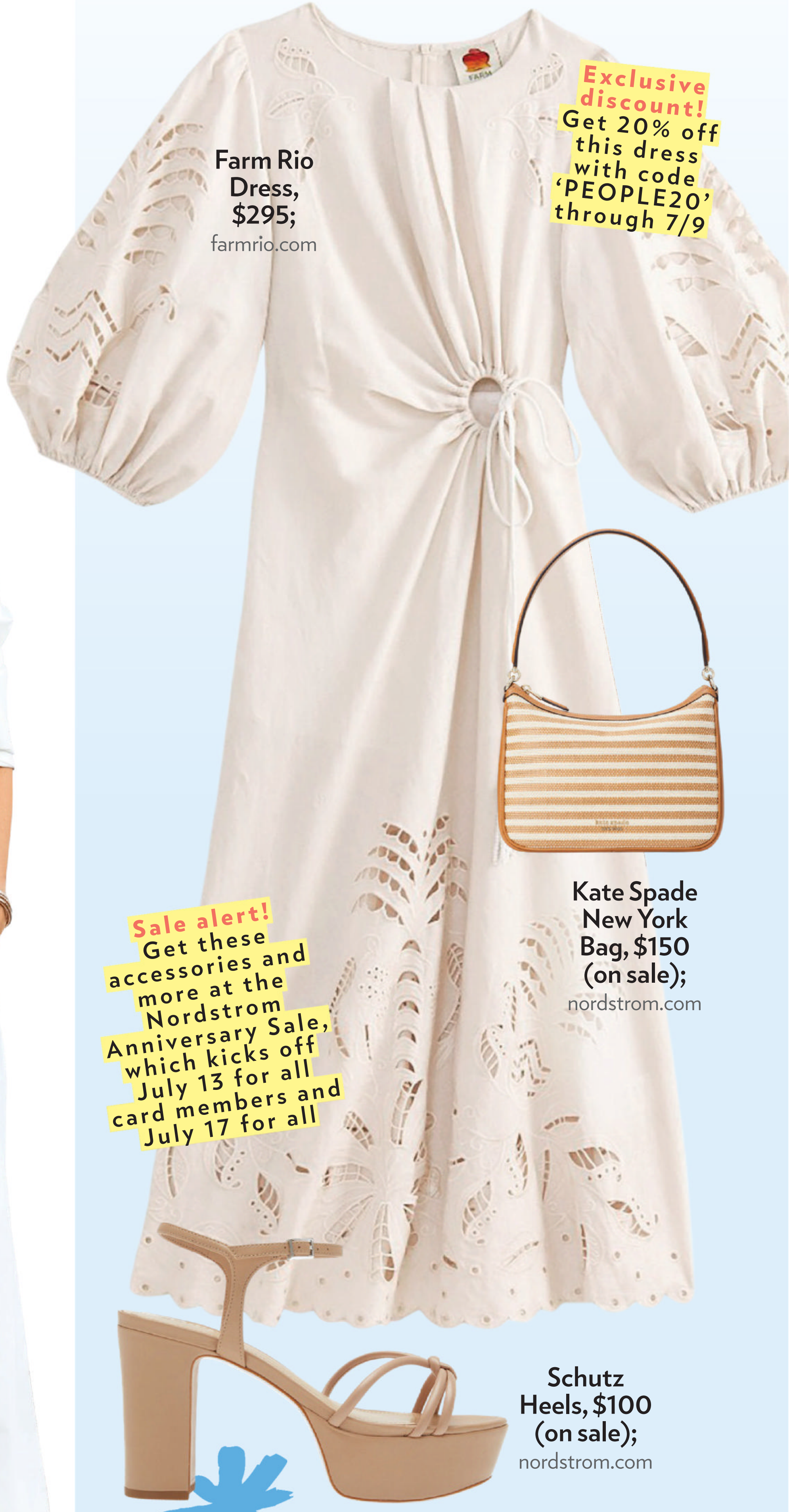
Ali Wong in Stella McCartney.

Jessica Chastain in Erdem.



Jennifer Garner in Alexander McQueen.

Argento Vivo Earrings, $50 (on sale); nordstrom.com



Farm Rio Dress, $295; farmrio.com

Exclusive discount! Get 20% off this dress with code 'PEOPLE20' through 7/9

Kate Spade New York Bag, $150 (on sale); nordstrom.com

Sale alert! Get these accessories and more at the Nordstrom Anniversary Sale, which kicks off July 13 for all card members and July 17 for all

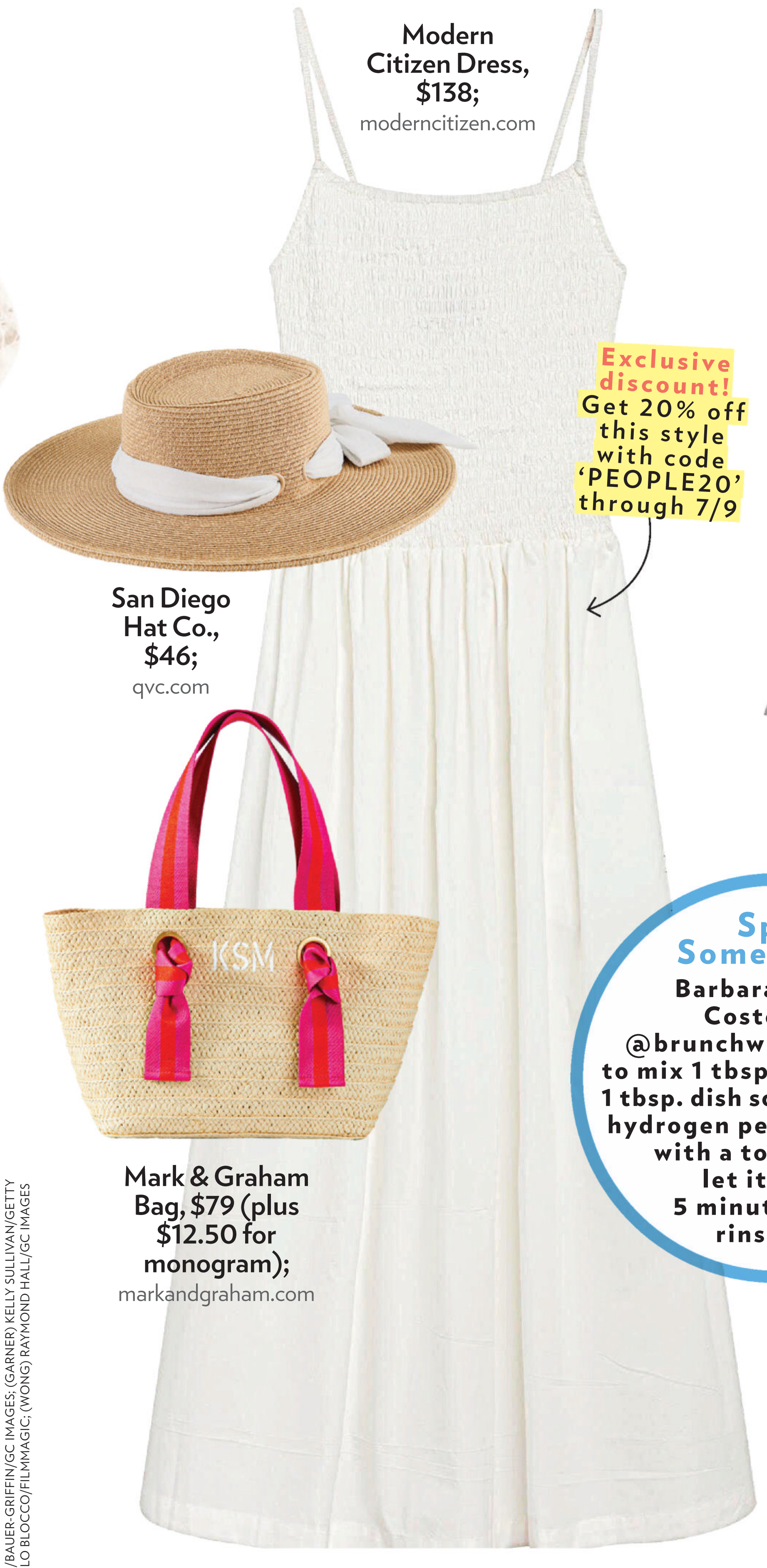
Schutz Heels, $100 (on sale); nordstrom.com

STATEMENT SLEEVES

Let all the pretty details of this perfect party style shine with a neutral striped bag and platform shoes, plus classic gold hoops.

SMOCKED BODICE

Give this breezy midi a coastal-chic vibe with an oversize sun hat, straw bag and bright slides.



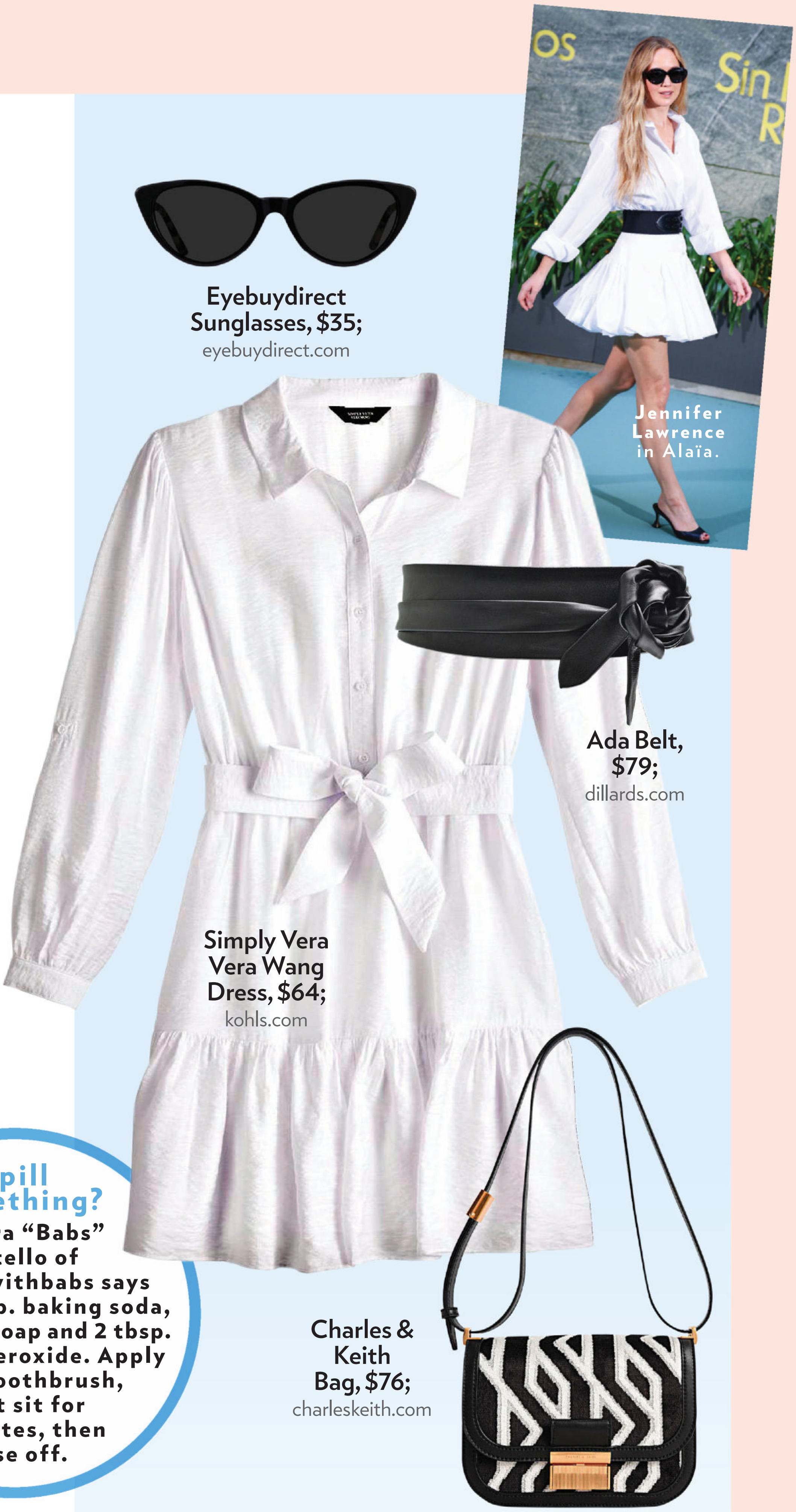
Modern Citizen Dress, $138;
moderncitizen.com

Exclusive discount! Get 20% off this style with code 'PEOPLE20' through 7/9

San Diego Hat Co., $46;
qvc.com

Mark & Graham Bag, $79 (plus $12.50 for monogram);
markandgraham.com

Coconuts Sandals, $78;
dsw.com



Eyebuydirect Sunglasses, $35;
eyebuydirect.com

Jennifer Lawrence in Alaïa.

Ada Belt, $79;
dillards.com

Simply Vera Vera Wang Dress, $64;
kohls.com

Charles & Keith Bag, $76;
charleskeith.com

Spill Something?

Barbara "Babs" Costello of @brunchwithbabs says to mix 1 tbsp. baking soda, 1 tbsp. dish soap and 2 tbsp. hydrogen peroxide. Apply with a toothbrush, let it sit for 5 minutes, then rinse off.

Aldo Heels, $70;
aldoshoes.com

TIERED SKIRT

Take a page from Jennifer Lawrence (above) and style this flouncy shirtdress with sleek black accessories for a cool contrast.

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By SARAH BALL

17 Across

Loot star

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across

1 Actor ___ Danson
4 Booker T. & the ___
7 Land and water crustacean
11 Layer
12 '90s email company
13 *Treason* actress ___ Chaplin
14 *Green Gables* girl
15 Sticky stuff
16 *Big Love* state
17 Emmy-winning *SNL* alum (2 wds.)
20 Miss Piggy, to herself
21 Buddy
22 The city in *Sex and the City* (2 wds.)
26 Jeans material
30 Pie ___ mode (2 wds.)
31 *Nightmare* street
33 17 Across's *Baking It* cohost ___ Poehler
34 They ___ Be Giants
37 McCarthy who starred with 17 Across in *Bridesmaids*
40 *Sex Education* actor ___ Butterfield
42 "___ this be a warning"
43 17 Across's *Forever* husband and former *SNL* castmate (2 wds.)
48 A kitten's sound
50 Yoko ___
51 Sight on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
52 *La Bamba* actor ___ Morales
53 Lines on a GPS display (abbr.)
54 "Houston," to an astronaut
55 Pots' partners
56 Private ___ (detective)
57 *The Alienist's* network

down

1 Fey who helped open 2019 Oscars with 17 and 33 Across
2 "___, meeny, miny, moe…"
3 *Really* handsome
4 Tom Cruise movie *Jerry* ___
5 17 Across played a celestial judge on *The ___ Place*
6 Beach Boys hit "___ John B"
7 Neil Simon's *The Odd* ___
8 Tim of *Reservoir Dogs*
9 17 Across's "Secret Santa" duet partner ___ Gasteyer
10 "___! humbug!"
11 Scottish hat
18 Kanga's kid and friend of Winnie-the-Pooh
19 Young chap
22 *Platoon* setting, for short
23 Former Giants quarterback ___ Manning
24 Move like a dog's tail
25 Dutch airline
27 Rap's Lil ___ X
28 Brief cyber chats
29 "It's All About Me" singer
32 1990s prime-time soap ___ *Place*
35 17 Across revisits *SNL* to impersonate VP Kamala ___
36 Mao ___-tung
38 Mooncraft launched by 54 Across
39 Hall & Oates song "Say ___ So" (2 wds.)
41 Be crazy about
43 *The Nanny* star ___ Drescher
44 Samberg who appeared in *Grown Ups 2* with 17 Across
45 An obsessed fan
46 Sunrise direction
47 Gun lobby group (abbr.)
48 Energy
49 *Suits* network

Answers to last week's Puzzler

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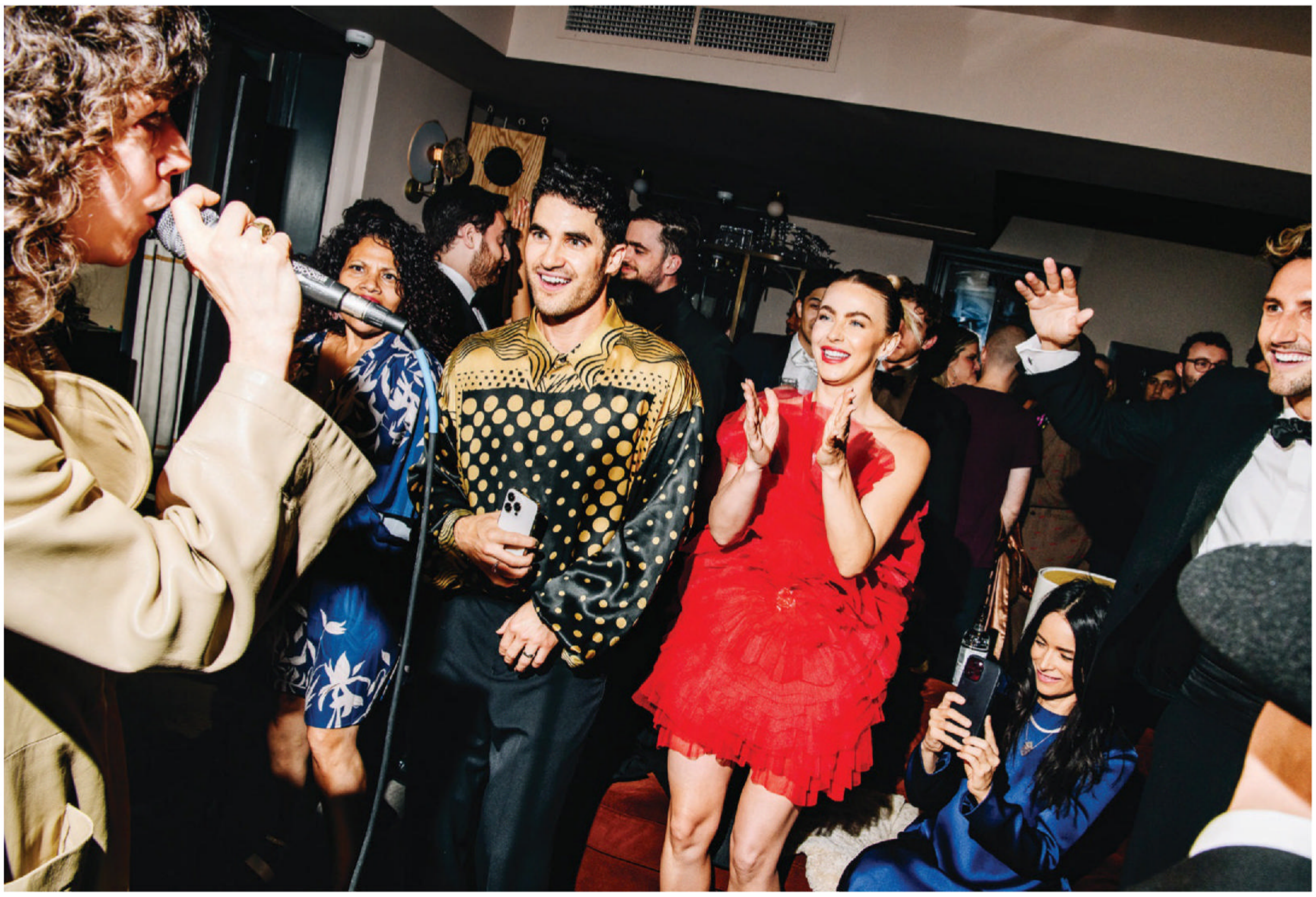

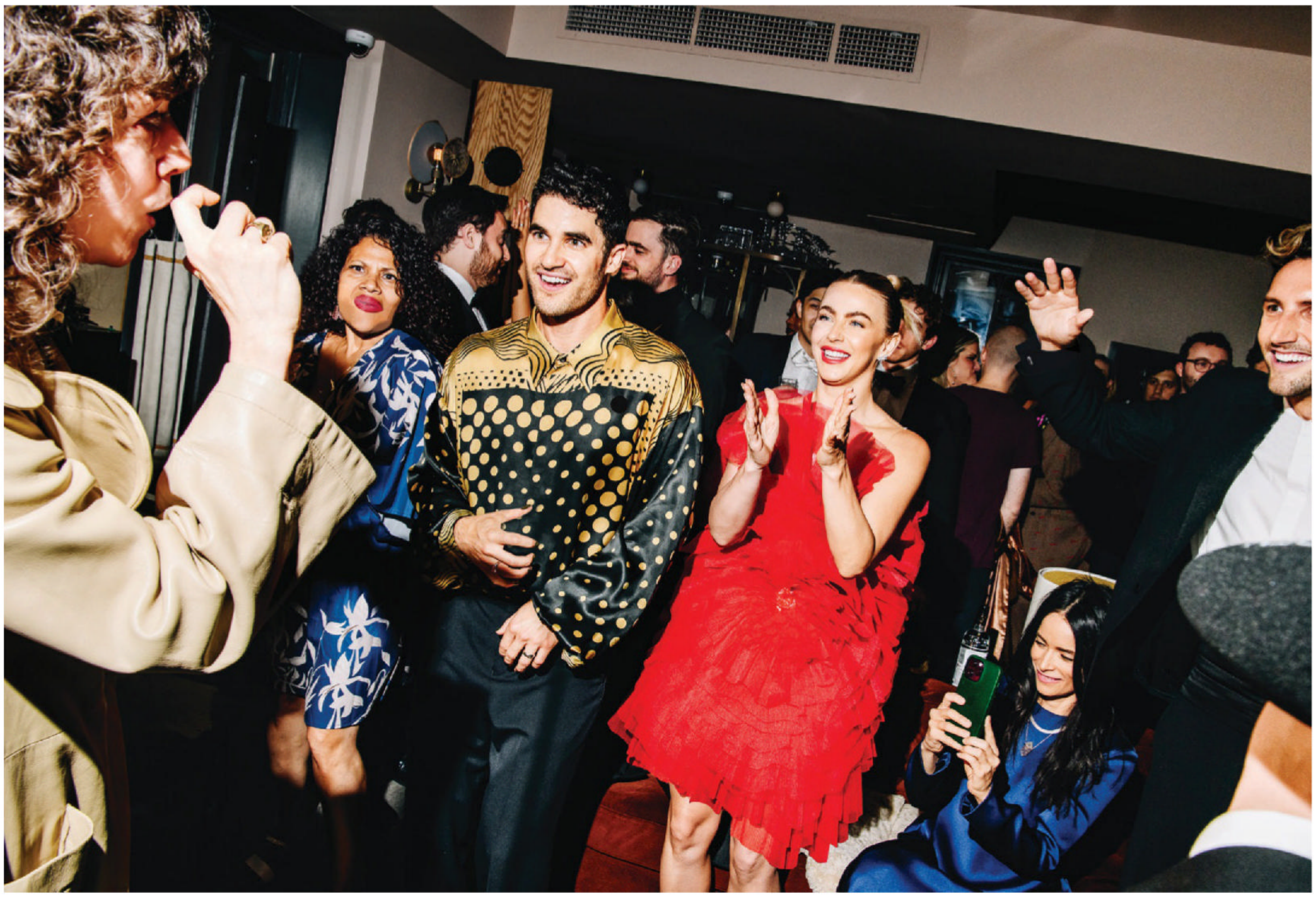

Darren Criss and **Julianne Hough** teamed up to cohost both *The Tony Awards: Act One* before the June 11 ceremony and the Tonys afterparty at N.Y.C.'s Pebble Bar. The two have strong Broadway credentials: Criss recently starred with Laurence Fishburne and Sam Rockwell in *American Buffalo,* and Hough made her Great White Way debut last summer in *POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive.*

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changes to keep score!

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1. The singer's microphone has vanished. **2.** The wood plank to the left of Darren Criss's head extends higher. **3.** There's an additional air vent near the ceiling. **4.** One of the gold polka dots on Criss's shirt, near his shoulder, is now black. **5.** His phone is gone. **6.** The woman in blue next to Criss has another white flower on her dress. **7.** Julianne Hough's red tulle dress is longer. **8.** The woman crouching next to Hough is now holding a green phone. **9.** The man in the suit to the far right is missing his bow tie. **10.** His white cuff has turned black.

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Samuel L. Jackson

THE TONY NOMINEE, 74, RETURNS AS NICK FURY IN DISNEY+'S NEW MARVEL SERIES *SECRET INVASION*

Last game I played
Our big charades at Christmas. We play a very competitive game. I compile book titles, movie titles, gag sayings and quotes all year long.

Last time I was missing someone
I miss my daughter [Zoe, 41] all the time. I try not to call her and bug her too much. I just saw her Sunday, right before we left going to the Tonys. She was at the house, making sure that we looked nice.

Last time I sang out loud
This morning, when I was in my bathroom shaving. I do not sing in front of my wife [actress LaTanya Richardson Jackson] because she can sing, and she'll criticize me.

Last time I cursed
I say "motherf---er" for everything. I almost said to you, "Hey, motherf---er, what's up?" It's all about how you say it.

Last obsession
I just discovered this new kind of strawberry [margarita] Talenti sorbet. It's not ice cream, so I ate the whole thing. I'm 74—I can have what I want.

Reporting by
JULIE JORDAN

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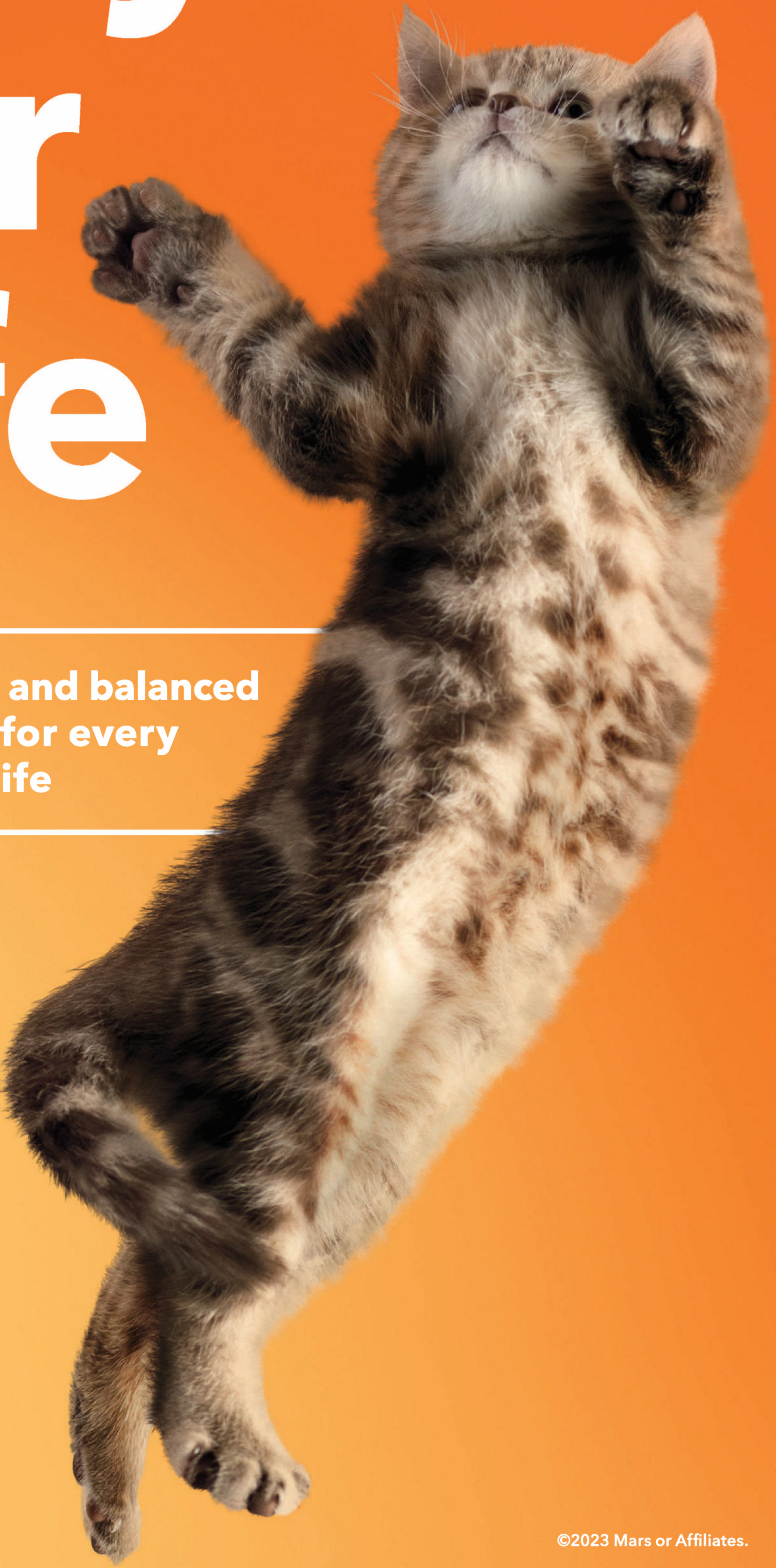

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